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■ **PORTLAND Mayor Richard Paisley with his 'no action' police sheet**

Mayor is vindicated

'At the end of the day common sense prevailed and they realised I was innocent'

by Harry Walton

PORTLAND Town Mayor Richard Paisley is celebrating today after police said they were taking no further action over his involvement in an alleged theft of equipment.

Officers also notified him that he no longer had to attend Weymouth Police Station this Friday to answer his bail.

A delighted Mr Paisley, who was arrested on November 28th, 2009, on suspicion of theft said:

"This vindicates what I have been saying all along that I have had nothing to do with the alleged theft of this flushing rig.

"It is clear that the police now accept what I have been saying and are taking no further action in relation to my involvement with this incident."

He added that he had

received hundreds of letters of support from all walks of life including ones from people who did not even know him.

Mr Paisley said: "This has been going on for more than ten weeks and I think it is brilliant that it all over. Now I can get on with what I am supposed to be doing which is representing Portland as its

Town Mayor.

"I don't feel any animosity against the police because they were just doing their job. At the end of the day common sense prevailed and they realised I was innocent."

Crane driver Mr Paisley said that the flushing rig incident began when he had to remove it from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Gold Rover so the vessel could sail.

He added: "The rig then

stayed on the quayside for months until I was asked to get rid of it by Portland Port so I took it to a site in Weymouth.

"It was there about two months when it was spotted by the rig owner who reclaimed it, but I heard nothing for another two months when I was suddenly approached, accused of suspected theft and arrested.

"I have never stolen anything in my life but it

has taken a long time to convince the police that I am not a thief. Now it is all over and I just want to get on with my life."

Mr Paisley's official police notification sheet said that officers were not at this time taking any further action in relation to his involvement with their investigations but that if further evidence emerged they might need to contact him again.

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A JOB exchange to Texas was a life changing experience for Sally Vaughan that prompted her move to West Dorset 18-months-ago.

After a 12 year teaching career in South London she decided it was time for a change and moved to Bridport in 2008 to be re-united with the open countryside.

After years of evenings spent planning lessons Sally found a job which she didn't have to take home with her.

She now works as an Emergency Care Assistant for South Western Ambulance Service, and is based locally on Bridport station.

Despite working irregular shifts, Sally now has more spare time which has allowed her to take an active role in the Bridport Gig Rowing Club where she is responsible for PR and Communications.

Sally still has a love for the Wild West and enjoys playing Country and Western music both on her guitar and her ukulele. She has also recently begun giving lessons on both instruments.

■ BRIDPORT or Texas?

I honestly couldn't choose between the two. I like to think of the area around here as being "Wild West Dorset". And Bridport to me is like "Texas-on-Sea". Believe it or not, there are lots of similarities. West Dorset is actually a lot like parts of Texas, but on a smaller scale. I fell in love with the openness of both the landscape and the people. I've definitely found that here in Dorset too.

■ WHY do you think Bridport and West Bay will benefit from a gig club?

It's a community sport that's so clearly perfect for a place like this. Gig clubs are springing up all along the south-west coast and to be out rowing alongside this gorgeous coastline can only be good for mind, body and soul. For people who are not as fit as they'd like to be it's an opportunity to do something that's going to get them fit, keep them fit, get them outdoors and provide a social side as well. It's not all about competing either. The club is dedicated to creating strong links within the community. Recreational rowing will be equally important and we encourage people from all backgrounds to get involved. It's a very inclusive sport.

■ WHAT is your role in BGRC?

Well, I'm the 'Information Lead' which means it's basically my job to make sure everyone knows what's happening and when. I liaise with the local press and act as a link between the membership and the committee. The club is really gaining momentum now and we currently have over 60 members even though we don't even have a boat yet. It's meant that members have had to take a real leap of faith this past year and trust that things will come together. And they are.

■ IS it something anyone can do?

It is, although we do have a lower age restriction of 16,



and that's because of physical limitations based on the size of the boat. You can be as old as you like though.

There are men's and women's crews, veterans crews and even super-vets. There was a team that rowed in the Isles of Scilly Championship last year with a combined age of 400 - their oldest rower was 84.

■ WHAT is the goal for the club?

This year, it is to get a boat on the water and next year we aim to be at the World Championships in the Isles of Scilly.

The club will also be Bridport and West Bay's legacy for the Olympics, and ultimately our vision is that the gig boats will become as much of a feature of West Bay as the cliffs themselves - it promises to be a huge attraction for tourists and that can only be a good thing for local businesses too.

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■ HOW close are you to getting a boat in the water?

We are halfway to our grand total of £50,000. This week we ordered our first boat and it will be launched this spring.

It won't be a wooden boat because that will take time to build, it will be difficult for novices like us to row, and we don't have a boat shed yet. We have opted to get a plastic fibre gig, which means it can stay outside, and in the meantime we can continue raising money to get a wooden racing gig and build a boat shed. By then, our crews will be ready to start competing in regattas.

■ WHAT events do you have coming up?

We are going to begin holding regular social nights for members, and then in the summer we are going to have a huge pledge auction to bring in the lions' share of the cash. We already have two great auction prizes for that. One is a painting by Trish Wylie who is a very successful local artist, her work is highly collectible. Another of our members has pledged to auction the use of his yacht on the Mediterranean. Right now we are looking for more pledges to add to these.

■ HOW long have you been playing guitar?

About 15 years. It's a spin off from teaching. It's the one thing I miss about teaching actually, having a reason to pick up a guitar every day. As an infant teacher it was a tool of the trade for me.

■ WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party?

Definitely Dolly Parton. I love her music, but also how she manages to combine over-the-top glamour with down-to-earth, homespun wisdom. Then I'd invite the writer Bill Bryson, an American Anglo-ophile whose powers of observation are astonishing. He's so clever, I don't know how his brain fits in his head. Last but not least, I'd invite Jenny Eclair for an injection of British wry-humour.

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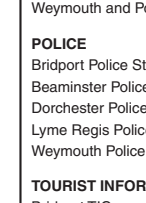
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Flats approved

A SCHEME to knock down a four-bedroom home at Preston and build eight flats on the site has been unanimously backed by planners.

The development off Preston Road will create three flats on the ground floor, three on the first floor and two in the roof.

Members of Weymouth and Portland planning committee were told that the flats would each have their own parking space and there would be two more for visitors.

A report said that the land was within the development boundary and that the height and scale of the flats would be acceptable in the street scene.

Councillors then approved the scheme subject to 15 conditions including design, windows, parking, occupation, trees, hedges and drainage.

Family fun

PARENTS of or people who know a pre-school child who is disabled or who has complex health needs are being invited to a family fun day and information morning in Weymouth.

The event is being held by Dorset Sure Start's Early Support team at Bincombe Valley Children's Centre, Weymouth, on Wednesday February 17th from 9.30am-12.30pm.

There will be play activities and staff on hand to provide time for a chat and anyone who would like more information should contact Vicky Hunt or Zoe Binns on 01258-458872.

Social club licence revoked

by Harry Walton

AN historic Weymouth club faces a bleak future after its licence was revoked for a string of offences.

The Centenary Club, which used to be a railway club, opened in 1957 and continued until Railtrack sold its old site near the top of King Street in 2002. The club later moved to its current premises in Jubilee Close.

Recent years have seen the Centenary at the centre of financial, licence and under-age drinking problems.

Now police have successfully applied to Weymouth and Portland licensing sub-committee for the Centenary's club premises certificate to be revoked.

Club members, who were devastated by the news, have three weeks to appeal following receipt of the revocation notice.

Secretary Jeffrey Taylor said after the meeting that members would be taking legal advice on how they could save the club.

The Centenary had already been hauled before the sub-committee in 2008 for a review of its certificate after a large public order incident developed from an 18th birthday party at the club.

It was warned that its licence did not allow it to hold parties for 16-18-year-olds and that only invited guests were permitted entry.

But police told the sub-committee that on December 11th, 2009, an officer and a colleague attended the club after teenagers with alcohol said they were attending an 18th birthday party.

Club officials told police it was a family function but the 18-year-old's father and organiser of the party told officers he had clearly booked the event as an 18th birthday party.

Police said the club was guilty of allowing a non-member to hire the function room and to introduce guests, of allowing an 18th birthday party to take place and of operating unlawfully selling alcohol without a licence.

Mr Taylor said "a lot of mistakes" had been made but he was trying to do what was right and abide by the rules which they hadn't intended to break. He added: "I love this club. If you did give us a chance we would try and change the licence to a pub and club one. I am just begging you to give us a chance." But police said: "The committee is not aware of its own rules. If nobody



■ THE CENTENARY CLUB: Committee members have three weeks to appeal against the licence revocation notice

knows what is going on at that club then it really shouldn't be operating. Ignorance is no defence." The sub-committee then revoked the Centenary's licence.

Weymouth drug arrests

SIX people have been arrested after nine sites on Weymouth and Portland were raided by police in a major operation against suspected drug dealers.

Five men, aged between 36 and 48 were arrested in relation to drugs offences and a 62-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods. All six are from the Weymouth area.

Police said that a "significant quantity" of suspected stolen goods, drugs and cash were found when warrants under the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act were executed at eight private and one commercial address in Preston, Westham, Weymouth town centre and Portland.

Each address was thoroughly searched by specially trained officers and all substances found are currently being forensically examined.

Weymouth and Portland section commander Inspector Pete Meteau said the raids had been part of Operation Dismantle, a force-wide operation which aimed to tackle the supply of Class A drugs and associated crime such as burglary and vehicle crime.

He added: "Through today's operation we are tackling alleged serious and organised crime which can have an affect on local communities.

"This operation was as a result of intelligence gathered over many months and we would urge anyone with any information to come forward and talk to us in confidence.

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14 **Charlotte Smith**
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40 **Dave Isaacs**
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Learn more about digital photography on the bus

YOUNG adults in West Dorset are being given the chance to develop their digital photography skills with free taster sessions from the Media Bus.

The Media Bus is a new and innovative project, designed to provide hands-on training to young people. Its initial focus is to provide digital photography training to 19-25 year olds, from disadvantaged, disconnected and rural backgrounds.

This initiative is being funded by a grant from the government's Learning Revolution Transformation Fund.

Trainers will deliver the Early Bird Digital Photography Tour in destinations across Dorset throughout February.

The Media Bus Managing Director, Darren Nicholson, explains: "The Media Bus concept was created to fill a gap in the educational and training market by taking facilities and space to the people who would benefit from it the most. These Early Bird sessions will give people an idea of what to expect."

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- Feb 17th: Bridport Adult Learning Centre - 10am-2pm.

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MARIE Curie Cancer Care is appealing for volunteers to give up just a few hours of their day to participate in street and store collections throughout Dorset, as part of their annual Great Daffodil Appeal.

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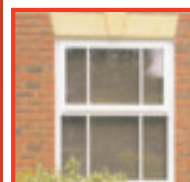
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No snub intended says councillor in Pavilion row

■ **SIMON** Raynes outside Weymouth Pavilion says: 'Late spring is too late for a decision'

by Harry Walton

A LOCAL theatre expert has clashed with the council over claims that his group was snubbed over talks on the future of Weymouth Pavilion.

Weymouth Drama Club chairman Simon Raynes wanted to offer his expertise to the council's Pavilion steering committee and was told his views would carry more weight if they came from a group.

He said: "Following that suggestion, I formed the Weymouth Pavilion User Group, but when I returned to the steering committee they didn't want to talk to the group and have refused all our attempts to have some sort of discussion with them.

"We feel very frustrated because we want to do something about the state of the Pavilion, they want to do something and you'd think we could discuss it together.

"Our idea is for a community trust

to be set up to determine the future of the Pavilion and we hope that the steering committee relents and agrees to talk to us about this."

But Weymouth Pavilion steering group chairman Councillor Tim Munro denied that there had been any snub to Mr Raynes and his group.

He added: "We had been approached by Mr Raynes because he wanted to use his theatre knowledge to help decisions on the Pavilion's future.

"We suggested that his views would be better if expressed as part of an overall group with theatre connections and he duly formed a mix of such groups.

"Mr Raynes then asked for a seat on the steering group board which

was not possible because we deal with confidential information which we have a duty to present first to councillors.

"However, Mr Raynes seems to have interpreted this as a snub to his group as a whole which is not the case.

"We hope to hear the views of his group and other such groups by late spring when we will be preparing a report for the council's management committee on what we see as the way forward for the Pavilion, the council having already decided to keep it operational."

Mr Raynes replied: "Late spring is too late. Some idea of a future programme for the Pavilion needs to be set up now so that drama and operatic groups which need to plan well ahead for major shows are able to do so."

Former shop will become bistro and comedy club

A COMEDY club, a family restaurant and a child-free bistro for business people are all going to be created in a former Wey-

mouth fashion shop.

Planners unanimously backed proposals to transform the old Evolve premises in St Mary Street into

a new business called Taste Weymouth whose owners already run the Taste bistro in Bridport.

Their vision is for a comedy club in the basement with a ground floor family eating area and takeaway service on the ground floor, possibly with a pirate theme.

The first floor will be given over to a child-free bistro providing lunches for local business people with a bar area.

But the proposals sparked objections about noise, loss of the shop site, litter and claims that Weymouth already has enough bars and restaurants.

There was even concern that there would be lap dancing on the site, a rumour the owners denied through a notice put up at the front of the premises.

Guesthouse owner John Green warned a meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee that it should not allow the loss of another retail unit and said: "With the Olympics coming up we need to keep as many retail outlets

as possible." But councillors had no such concerns and welcomed the transformation of the mid-19th century Grade II listed building.

They heard from joint-owner Louise Parkin who said: "Our target market is businessmen and women and families, not rowdy teenagers. At no time will we be operating as a night-club."

Councillor Roger Allen said the High Street was turning more to leisure, entertainment and coffee houses under the influence of increased shopping on the internet and Weymouth was no different.

He added: "This new business sounds terrific to me. If we say no, what sort of message are we sending out?"

Chairman Councillor Peter Farrell said: "We have nine empty shops yet here is someone who wants to come here. I support this and I am really pleased that the false windows at the side are to be opened up."

22 parking spaces make way for bus lane

MORE than a score of car parking spaces are to be lost to make way for a new bus lane in Weymouth.

The proposal, which forms part of the Weymouth transport package for the 2012 Olympic Games, would see 22 pay and display on-street parking spaces lost on North Quay.

This would cost £15,000 in lost income for 2010-2011 and £30,000 annually in subsequent years, members of Weymouth and Portland's management committee were told.

Members heard that Dorset County Council had agreed to retain a loading bay and increase its size from two cars to four cars outside the entrance to the North Quay pontoons.

A county spokesman said that removing the 22 spaces was "essential", but that the bay would be retained and expanded because its loss would hit the functioning of harbour activities.

The proposed bus lane is an integral part of the overall scheme which will enable buses to be brought to the front of queuing traffic on North Quay.

This will help deliver the main objective of the whole scheme which is to improve journey time reliability for all vehicles and in particular for public transport.

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Improved fire safety for visitors' accommodation

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to get better fire safety in sleeping accommodation ahead of fans pouring into Dorset for Olympic sailing events at Weymouth and Portland.

Hoteliers, landlords and other sleeping accommodation premises owners can visit a free seminar being staged next Wednesday, February 17th, at Bournemouth Football Club.

It is being supported by Dorset and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and has been jointly organised by the Fire Industry Association and the British Automatic Fire Sprinkler Association.

The seminar aims to inform and instruct those responsible for providing short term and long term accommodation for the public with information on fire risk assessments, sprinklers, legal obligations and means of escape, emergency lighting and safety signs.

DFRS fire safety policy head Craig Baker said: "It is very important that we work closely not only with those people responsible for these types of accommodation but other agencies, to ensure residents and staff at these premises are safe should a fire occur.

"It is vital to ensure that these different types of property or locations comply with fire safety regulations and the proper plans and procedures are in place.

"With the 2012 Olympic Sailing events coming to Weymouth and Portland, we are expecting even greater numbers of visitors into the county and it is important to ensure that those visitors and the sleeping accommodation across Dorset are safe from fire.

"We are keen to use events like this to educate those people responsible for these businesses on the importance of fire safety long before 2012."

To sign up to attend this free seminar, please log on to the FIA website at www.fia.uk.com.

Students get growing!

by Harry Walton

WESTFIELD Arts College in Weymouth has been chosen by super-market giant Morrisons to be one of 100 schools to receive a gardening crate prize.

Students Josh Maguire and Dan Simpson were put forward for the

Morrisons Let's Grow for Chelsea project and they are now working hard on the school allotment.

So far the college has received compost, seeds, a

digital camera and is awaiting the 'crate' itself, a sort of self contained raised bed.

The camera will be used to record the progress of

the seeds and how the crate progresses.

In April the best 30 crates will be used to create the 'Let's Grow!' show garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Westfield is hoping to be one of those chosen.



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Police show how to keep children safe online

PARENTS and carers have been given a vital glimpse of dangers lurking on the Internet to try and keep children and young people safe on-line.

Dorset Police spearheaded a special internet safety day at the Mulberry Centre in Weymouth where they and South West Grid For Learning talked to people about the threat and staged various presentations to highlight the dangers.

Circus skills and balls games were on hand to occupy youngsters courtesy of West Dorset district council's Action Van, but there was no doubting the main theme.

Dorset Police spokesman Dave Cregg said: "Criminal activity in relation to the internet is a growing problem.

"I want to make parents aware of the potential risks attached to the internet and give them the information they need to help safeguard their children.

"There is a greater threat posed by the internet than just paedophiles and predators.

"It is also about the con-



■ DAVID Cregg (left) and Alan Earl were among those providing advice at an internet safety day.

By Harry Walton

duct of children themselves on the internet because incidents have included cyberbullying or stupid acts such as sending indecent images of them-

selves to each other or viewing pornography and violence beyond the permitted age range."

SWGL spokesman Alan Earl said: "We support this

Dorset Police initiative because raising the profile of child safety online is so important."

Among many parents attending the event, which was held to coincide with National Internet Safety Day, was Mrs Lisa Stanley who came with four-year-

old son, Jack, and six-year-old daughter, Caitlin.

She said: "Events like this are very important for parents because it makes them aware of internet dangers they might not know about while giving them advice on how to deal with them."



■ WHILE the adults absorbed the serious message the children were kept busy with fun with games and staff from West Dorset's Action Van, (right) Caitlin Stanley tries out a pair of double skis



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Sorry about tower, say planning inspectors

AN unprecedented apology has been issued to Weymouth and Portland planning officers by the national planning inspectorate.

It follows a planning appeal inspector's decision to grant permission for a square tower extension at Old Castle Road, Weymouth, overturning local planning officers' refusal for the scheme as being "out of character" with the area.

Now planning inspectorate chief inspector Katrina Spörle has apologised unreservedly to Weymouth and Portland planning manager Debbie Redding for that inspector's decision which was described as "regrettable".

She said she agreed with the Weymouth and Portland officers that the extension "cannot reasonably be said to fit in with the character of the area", that the inspector's description of on-site parking was "not helpful" and that comments he made about trees "should have been more explicit".

She concluded: "I can only agree that on this occasion, both the reasoning within the decision and the development itself falls some way short of what we all would expect."

"For this I offer you my full and unreserved apology."

Weymouth and Portland planning manager Debbie Redding said: "It is unprecedented for the planning inspectorate to apologise to an authority such as ourselves."

"People have complained to us about why this development was allowed."

"Now they know that we not only opposed it but that the decision by a planning appeal inspector allowing the tower was not supported by his superiors."

New homes for Olympic sailors

by Harry Walton

Nearly half that number will be housed in the same place for the six-day Paralympic sailing competition in August-September 2012 which follows 14 days of Olympic events in July-August 2012.

FLAGSHIP new homes on Portland will house teams and officials coming to Dorset for the 2012 Olympic sailing events.

The London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic Games has just confirmed that 700 sailors, coaches and officials will be housed in a new 77-unit low carbon housing development being built on Officer's Field at Osprey Quay.

Dog control orders labelled 'draconian'

PLANS for a dog fouling ban covering most of Weymouth and Portland have taken another step forward.

The dog control orders, which must still be approved by full council on February 25th, also include a proposal to keep dogs on a lead in a wide variety of areas.

These include RSPB reserves, recreation grounds, sports field perimeters, council allotments, formal public gardens, municipal cemeteries, all roads and pavements.

The proposed curbs come after extensive public consultation including more than 2,600 completed questionnaires, comments or written responses.

But the members review group report this led to did

not get a totally smooth passage when it was debated by members of Weymouth and Portland management committee.

Often fierce debate argued that the Rodwell Trail should be exempt from requiring dogs to be on leads, a move lost on a 6-4 vote because dog fouling there was viewed as "a significant problem" and because of the high numbers of cyclists and children in pushchairs.

But a similar exemption attempt for the Nothe Gardens was won, members also agreeing that dogs did not have to be on leads from the Pleasure Pier to Bowleaze "during winter months".

Several dog owners attended to object to the "dra-



THE Rodwell Trail in Weymouth will not be exempt from the new orders

conian" orders, pointing out to members that having a dog on a lead would not stop it defecating, but the meeting felt that a lead would keep a dog more in its owner's view so dropping were more likely to be collected.

David Beaman accused councillors of penalizing 95 per cent of dog owners

to deal with the five per cent who committed fouling offences.

But Councillor Ian James said the new orders would "firm up old ones which are pretty vague" while Councillor Peter Chapman said the orders were an attempt to manage the problem for all residents of the borough.

The mixture of two, three and four-bedroom homes on the former Royal Navy air station are being built in partnership by sustainable developer ZeroC Holdings and the South West Regional Development Agency which owns the land at Osprey Quay.

The development was selected following an assessment of accommodation options around the wider Weymouth and Portland area to find the best possible housing for competitors and their support teams.

Its close proximity to competition venue, the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, and the nearby Portland Marina was a key factor in selecting the site, said LOCOG chairman Sebastian Coe.

He added: "We are confident that making temporary use of a permanent facility which is very much part of the impressive regeneration of Portland is the right solution for athletes and for Portland in the long-term."

Weymouth and Portland 2012 and special projects spokesman Councillor Howard Legg said: "We welcome this news. Having the sailing athletes accommodated on land in a sustainable housing scheme which will bring long term benefit to Portland is preferable to a temporary cruise ship."

"Given the current down turn in the housing market, this also means extra properties, including affordable housing, for the island sooner than might otherwise have been the case. Improvements are also being made to local community facilities as a result of this project going ahead."

After the Olympics the units will be made ready for sale and occupation by their new owners with a quarter in a range of sizes going to affordable housing via a registered social landlord. The remaining properties will be sold privately by ZeroC.

SWRDA development manager James Watts said he was delighted that a temporary home for world teams would become a permanent local community asset.

He added: "The RDA is investing more than £40 million in Osprey Quay to make it a magnet for private sector investment, creating around 1,400 jobs by 2016. ZeroC's scheme is the latest step in that regeneration process."

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AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

True love

THE hymn "Love Divine, all loves excelling," when chosen for a wedding intrigues me; because it speaks of divine love and not human love. But the ideal is something we can aspire to.

To say, after the wedding, they all lived happily ever after is more like a fairy tale than reality. It is so distressing to see the hurt of failing marriages and the effect it must have on the children. Surely, there must be a better way.

With shops displaying Valentine cards of various kinds, folk will be declaring love. But how many will continue to express their love through all the ups and downs of future years? However, thank God for those who can and do.

Whilst I often quote scripture, today I want to refer back to Charles Wesley's well known hymn. On St.Valentine's day, don't just sing it but read it carefully. Even better, use it as a prayer and mean it with all your heart.

"Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart."

"Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest."

Permission granted for new home which has split village community

by Harry Walton

BATTLE lines were drawn when a picturesque village community found itself split by plans for a new home.

The Buckley family backed by their supporters applied for planning permission to build a three-bedroom home on unused garden land belonging to Fuchsia Cottage off Mission Hall Lane in Sutton Poyntz near Weymouth.

The family planned to move into the new home with an elderly mother moving into their home, claiming the development would not hit the character of the village, views or amenity space, would be in keeping with its surroundings and would "not cause harm to anyone or neighbours".

But more than a score of letters supporting the scheme were matched by a similar number against it.

The Sutton Poyntz Society said views would be hit and the Sutton

Poyntz Mission Hall Trust said it would be "an undesirable form of backland development" out of keeping with the form and character of the area.

Others said it was "overdevelopment", would damage an ancient orchard and that the plot was "the last green lung in what was a peaceful lane".

Council officers agreed with objections and recommended refusal to a meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee which had turned down several previous site proposals.

But members disagreed, could find nothing wrong with the scheme and voted 9-1 to support it.

Councillor Christine James said: "I

can't understand what the problem is here. I propose we accept it pending any further archaeological report which may be needed."

Councillor Mark Tewkesbury agreed and said it was a far better scheme than the last one and had solved many concerns while Councillor Roger Allen said he couldn't see what all the fuss was about.

Sutton Poyntz was, said Councillor Kate Wheller, "a beautiful middle class executive sleeper village" and that just because people had bought into it they couldn't stop others coming in.

Chairman Councillor Peter Farrell said: "I feel an appeal inspector would grant this. Like it or not, it is within the development boundary. At the end of the day villages evolve and so on balance I am going to support this."

Fascinating fact a day in run up to the Games

SOME fascinating information has emerged among items published under Dorset's 1,000 facts for 1,000 days project in the run up to the Olympic Games in 2012.

A fact a day is being published about Dorset until the Games start and several for February have

been offered by people from Weymouth.

They include today's fact from Ellen Banks who notes that Hollywood actor Christian Bale lived for several years in Bournemouth and attended Bournemouth School for Boys.

Tomorrow's fact pro-

vided by Victoria Parry reveals that Dorset is one of the healthiest places to live in the country with life expectancy about two years longer than the national average.

Jacqui Griffiths' fact for Friday is that Chris Chataway, who won the first BBC Sports Personality of

the Year award in 1954, went to Sherborne School.

And Sarah Kennedy's fact for February 19th is that Cerne Abbas provided the Manor House and ruined abbey for the filming of Tony Richardson's classic movie Tom Jones with Albert Finney, Susannah York and Diane Cilento.

Council tax precept rise could be lowest for years

RESIDENTS could get the lowest council tax precept rise from Weymouth and Portland for 14 years.

Councillors have backed an increase of just two per cent which must now be backed by full council on February 25.

If the increase is approved it will join precepts from other bodies including police, fire and the county council to create an overall council tax bill for residents.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland management committee voted 6-4 to reject a strong plea from Councillor Howard Legg to set a 2.9 per cent precept.

He said: "We have a history of abysmal failure to tackle maintenance on projects such as the seafront chalets.

"Car park surfaces are in a terrible state and pontoons need work yet there is only £200,000 extra cash in the budget for maintenance.

"I propose a 2.9 per cent precept so maintenance can be increased to £254,000. If we don't take this opportunity now we will lose it when a new government comes in and finance is harder."

But Councillor Geoff Petherick said: "It would be great if we had more money but we don't. This is a reasonable budget."

Chairman Councillor Mike Goodman said: "Two per cent will be hard enough for many council tax payers to find."

Finance spokesman Councillor Peter Chapman said the proposed "good value" two per cent increase was below inflation and amounted to just £4.07 extra per year on current precept levels for the average Band B council taxpayer - Band B being the average band for properties in Weymouth and Portland.

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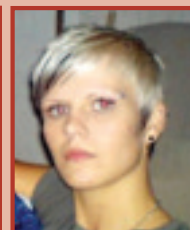
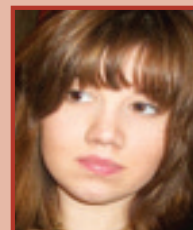
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CHAMBER GUESTS: Officers and executive members with their spouses and escorts at the annual dinner of Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Tourism. From the left are, sitting: Joan Hooper-Immins, Christine Gallivan, Alison Reed, Weymouth and Portland Mayor Anne Kenwood, Chamber treasurer Stephanie Pettitt, June Chorley, Alison Cocks. Standing: Chamber secretary Michel Hooper-Immins, guest speaker Mike Ward, Chamber president Nigel Reed, Mayor's escort Christopher Kenwood, Paul Weekes, Trevor Matthews, Anna-Maria Geare.

Mayor's hopes for a trade boost in town

by Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH and Portland could benefit from people spending at home rather than going abroad this year.

The Mayor, Councillor Anne Kenwood, said visitors staying here on holiday or enjoying events such as the veterans festival would patronise shops and restaurants while in the borough.

She was speaking at the annual dinner of Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism at the Hotel Prince Regent.

Mrs Kenwood said: "The borough does its best to support businesses in Weymouth and Portland. Let us go forward with hope and enthusiasm."

She spoke earlier of her year in office and recalled that the delegation from Louviers, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the twinning, had spent a lot of money in the shops of Weymouth before they returned to France.

Mrs Kenwood said: "With the Olympics

in 2012, more people will come from abroad who will happily use our local businesses while they are here.

"I know trade is difficult these days because of the recession, but I'm hoping Weymouth and Portland will benefit as less people go abroad this year."

Chamber president Nigel Reed thanked her and her son and escort Christopher Kenwood before proposing the toast to guests.

Honorary life member Terry Bromberg proposed the toast to the civic authority and past president Andy Cooke acted as toastmaster.

Guest speaker Mike Ward, a retired solicitor involved with hockey for many years, talked with humour and wit to members and guests who were dressed appropriately for the black-and-white ball with dancing after dinner to Fifth Avenue.

Pensioner duped into giving bank details

CONMEN duped two elderly Weymouth residents into giving their bank details then used one set to buy a £3,900 motorcycle.

The incidents have prompted Weymouth Police to appeal for other victims of the telephone banking fraud to come forward.

Officers said a 74-year-old man from Preston was telephoned by a man pretending to be his bank manager who then obtained the pensioner's debit and credit card details including the security numbers.

PC Dave Thorne said: "The victim was suspicious of the fraudster who was well spoken and had a foreign accent and who called himself Mr Michaels.

"A short while after the telephone conversation ended the pensioner contacted his bank which told him that his details had been used 30 minutes later to buy a motorcycle from a company in Cornwall for £3,900."

A 69-year-old woman from the Broadwey area of Weymouth was also telephoned by the same man pretending to

be her bank manager and he obtained bank card details and security numbers from this victim.

PC Thorne said: "When the fraudster tried to use her bank details – at the same motorcycle company in Cornwall – an alert flagged up in her bank and the transaction was stopped before any purchase was made.

"It's quite likely that there are more victims in Dorset who have been deceived in this way and I urge them to contact the police so that I can gather evidence in order to find and arrest this unscrupulous con man.

"I'd also appeal to all residents to remind their elderly relatives about the dangers of passing on personal bank details over the phone to someone who rings up unexpectedly. Banks will never ask for bank card numbers or security numbers."

Witnesses and anyone with any information should contact police on 01305-222222 or use the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800-555111.

Licence conditions imposed on nightclub

A LICENCE review has been held after complaints about under-age alcohol sales at a Weymouth nightclub and restaurant.

Police said Dolce Vita in St Thomas Street was directly linked to a number of incidents ranging from drunken youths near an 18th birthday party to the premises staging a 16th birthday party with a large number of drunken youths inside and near the premises.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland licensing sub-committee was told that three drunken guests were arrested including a 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old youth. The youth said he had both bought and drunk alcohol in Dolce Vita.

Simon Lacey for licence holder Parviz Panjalizadeh-Marseh admitted that there had been problems supplying police with CCTV footage from certain incidents but that his client had "done his utmost" to solve them.

Mr Panjalizadeh-Marseh said: "We are not irresponsible. I am very careful about what I am doing and I am a responsible business person. I am trying to make the place work and I am getting there."

He added that he also owns the Goldfingers lap-dancing club and that he had bought Dolce Vita about ten months ago.

He said: "We made a couple of mistakes, but our security is not lax. We are very vigorous.

"It was a learning curve and we will carry on improving even better than we are now."

He told the sub-committee that he would be happy with a ban on staging parties for those aged 17 and under but that he still wanted to be able to stage parties for 18, 19, 20 and 21-year-olds.

The sub-committee agreed to this as a licence condition and also imposed other conditions including an effective CCTV system which included back door coverage, an agreed ratio of one door staff member per 100 guests, staff training, the rear door to be alarmed, proof of age checks and a register to record challenges and refusals.

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Community input for new bridge design

EVERYTHING from arches to columns were among early ideas for a new bridge over Newstead Road, Weymouth.

An exhibition of work by students from Weymouth College, Holy Trinity and All Saints schools in Weymouth set the scene for preliminary efforts to come up with a structure.

The project's basic outline is being overseen by consultant artist Bruce Williams who staged the exhibition at Beechcroft St Pauls Primary School in Weymouth where students are helping him.

He said: "I am in charge of coming up with an artistic impression of the bridge that engineers can consider building for Dorset County Council.

"To do this I am trying to get the views and opinions of as many groups, adults and children as possible so the bridge can really represent the community it will be built in. "The consultation period has now ended and



■ CONSULTANT artist Bruce Williams at the exhibition

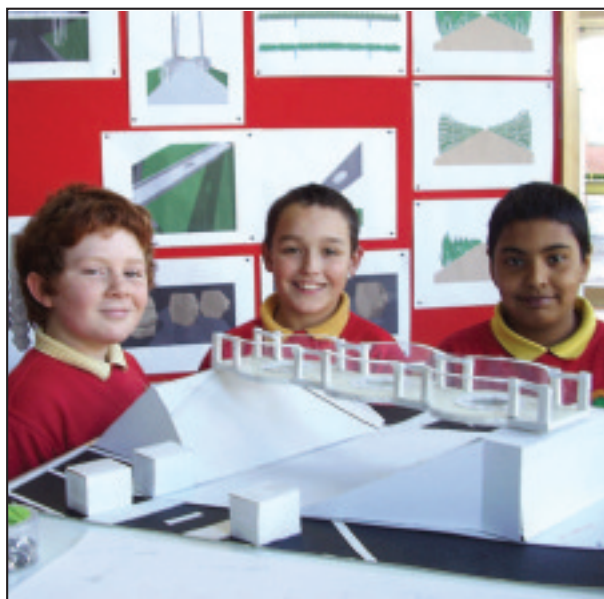
by Harry Walton

that will be followed by another exhibition at which I will display the final design."

Between the two events Mr Williams will be collecting and collating leaflets which have been

given out asking people what sort of bridge they would like to see.

The final design will then be engineered and the bridge is hoped to be completed during 2011.



■ PUPILS from Beechcroft with some of the exhibition displays.

■ WEYMOUTH people are being asked to choose three local heroes to be celebrated in a portrait bench.

The bench is part of the Newstead Road bridge scheme and will be a place for people to stop and rest on their journey.

Three local heroes, chosen by Weymouth residents, will be immortalised life-size in weathered steel as part of the bench.

The heroes can be famous faces from history or an inventive take on the people of Weymouth from Olympic sailors to King George III to the Osmington White Horse. All suggestions will be welcomed to truly make the bench relevant to Weymouth.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

No turkey or tinsel for me

CHRISTMAS is barely an exploding cracker away yet incredibly we are being urged to book "turkey and tinsel" holidays nearly a year ahead.

I love Christmas with the best of them, but there are limits and this is one of them.

My blood pressure has scarcely had a chance to rise in annoyance at the persistent series of bronzed beauties with white piano teeth smiles fronting adverts for summer holidays on sun-kissed beaches.

Short-sleeved shirts still seem a long way off to me and I certainly don't want to think about warm clothing before I've had a chance to enjoy the rain of an English summer.

So I have a suggestion to make to travel agents. Why don't you do barbecue and deckchair holidays first and leave Christmas where it belongs.....a long way ahead.

World Cup fever for the price of a small house!

IT would appear that Weymouth is starting to be gripped by World Cup fever with a number of people from the town planning to jet out to South Africa.

Some are going for just a few days while others are planning quite a long stay.

So what is the biggest football tournament on earth going to cost fans from Weymouth and

Portland to get there and watch?

Prices do vary, but if you take a simple average of the High Street then six days out there can cost £4,000 while three weeks can cost up to £8,000 depending on accommodation and the number of matches watched.

I suppose it also depends jointly on how keen you are and how much you can afford, but I

did shake my head a bit at one tale I heard of three lads going out there.

The bill for their joint trip came to £24,000... which is more than our first house cost when my wife and I got married in 1983!

I'm sure it will give them the experience of a lifetime but personally I shall be watching matches unfold from my armchair.

Staying neutral doesn't always pay

DOG mess is not really a subject for a high class column like this but I have been forced to make an exception.

I was careful to stay neutral when I covered a recent council debate on dog orders being proposed right across Weymouth and Portland including a ban on fouling.

My neutrality continued right through a series of passionate comments by both sides.

Opponents claimed it was not nec-

essary to keep dogs on a lead in some areas such as the Rodwell Trail while those supporting the orders said owners would clean up more mess if dogs were closer to them where they could see what they were doing.

The result saw proposals adapted to exempt areas such as the Nothe Gardens but not the Rodwell Trail much to the disgust of several dog owners who said that keeping a dog on a lead there wouldn't stop it

going to the toilet.

I remained neutral at the meeting and was still neutral as I walked up Abbotsbury Road and took a picture of the Rodwell Trail to illustrate my story.

There my neutrality unfortunately ended as, camera work finished, I stepped back and trod straight into a large pile of mess on the pavement.

Consider how fortunate the owner of that dog was not to be there be-

cause I would have backed their dog being exempt from being tethered... in favour of using the lead to string the owner up from the nearest lamp standard.

It took me half an hour, a old toothbrush and a lot of disinfectant to remove the smell from my footwear and, if my story and all future coverage will remain neutral, I personally have nothing but total support for the orders.

Don't fall for the cactus vodka

ALL too often a trip out to a beauty spot can end in crime with cars rifled of their contents by opportunistic thieves.

But one Weymouth couple fell victim to a theft scam while up a volcano on Tenerife.

They'd stopped to admire the view and as they opened their car doors to get out they were immediately approached by a man offering them local honey and cactus vodka from the boot of his car.

They were on holiday, relaxed and it was an unusual local trading offer so they went across and had a look.

But the man had deliberately struck so quickly that they'd been distracted and forgotten to lock their car door, easy meat for the man's accomplice lurking nearby who stole their bag with passports and a credit card in it.

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John and Karen are the proud recipients of the national favourite fish fryer award for 2009-2010, run by SeaFish, the government's fishery department which promotes good quality sustainable seafood.

Alf's Fish and Chips has also been a top five regional winner in the fish and chip shop of the year competition in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

This year they have also been awarded the SeaFish contribution to the local community accolade.

John and Karen have also been recognised by Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, having won a gold award recognising their community work.

The couple keep an eye on several old people in the area, caring for them, providing fish and chips lunches and hot meals, among them 94 year-old former Army Warrant Officer Reg Bishop who lives nearby.

Chips or fries are a favourite in many parts of the world, but so much so in the UK that we've dedicated a whole week to them. Unlike some other countries, we make and eat our chips in a variety of ways - from thick to thin, as an accompaniment or on their own, with vinegar, brown sauce, tomato ketchup and more recently mayonnaise and not forgetting one of our most traditional of meals, fish and chips.

Want to know some really interesting Chip Facts?

- Fish and chips are popular at celebrity weddings. Fans are rumoured to have included Steven Gerrard and Alex Curran, Wayne Rooney and Coleen McLoughlin, Myleene Klass and Graham Quinn, John Terry and Toni Poole and Dave Gardner and Davinia Taylor to name but a few!
- The fish and chip shop market is worth £1.2bn - that means £1 of every £100 spent on food is spent in a fish and chip shop.

- More than a staggering 255 million fish and chips meals are sold in fish and chip shops each year.
- 8 out of 10 households buy frozen chips each year, so most of us have a bag in the freezer!
- Over half a billion meals containing home-made chips are eaten each year.

- One out of every four British potatoes are made into chips - that's approximately 1.5 million tonnes/year.
- When Michelle Obama took a 2-day break in London, she treated her daughters to a fish sup-

per in a London pub.

- Fish and Chips are booming in the recession. From March to November 2008, there were more than 548 million visits to fish and chip shops - up 5 per cent from 523 million in 2007.

What's in a chip?

The whole nation will be celebrating chips during National Chip Week on 15-21 February 2010, but have you ever wondered what's in a chip?

- A 165g portion of oven chips provides more than nine times the amount of vitamin C than a slice of pizza. That's a third of the Recommended Daily Allowance.

- One oven chip has 8 calories.
- A portion of oven chips contains less than 5% fat.

- A portion of chip shop chips contains less fat than a prawn mayonnaise sandwich.

- A serving of oven chips with 3 fish fingers contains one third of the saturated fat found in a serving of lasagne.

Top chip tips

- Cut chips chunky - because thick chips absorb less oil than thin ones.

- For speedy low fat oven chips cut unpeeled potatoes into chunky wedges, brush with oil and cook in the oven at 200 C, Gas 6 until golden brown.

- For a light and fluffy chip choose a floury variety like Maris Piper - the chippies favourite potato. But in fact chips can be made from almost any variety of potato.

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Store sold alcohol to 16-year-old

by Harry Walton

OPERATING conditions have been imposed on a Weymouth convenience store after it sold alcohol to a 16-year-old boy.

Police gave details of the incident on December 11, 2009, to a meeting of Weymouth and Portland licensing sub-committee at which members were told that officers did not believe the sale was an isolated incident.

Abbotsbury Road Food and Wine's owner Satpal Panesar appeared before members after police sought a review of the site's licence.

Several complaints had been received about alcohol sales, said police, some from parents with children as young as 14.

One father claimed his 16-year-old daughter was sold half a bottle of vodka while in company with her nine-year-old sister.

Councillor Christine James for the Panesars said: "They are new to the premises, they are new to the business and they admit they made a mistake."

She added that a strong programme of customer challenges was now in place, 21 or under proof of age signs had been installed, the

CCTV system had been updated and staff trained to its use and other duties.

Mrs James said the Panesars had been victims of racist abuse. Police had done nothing about this yet the couple now had to face the sub-committee in a situation which was "using a sledgehammer to crack a nut".

Acting chairman Coun Robbie Dunster told the Panesars: "We are very pleased that you have taken the action you have."

The sub-committee then imposed conditions including age signs, challenge records, staff training and effective CCTV.



Big development for Fairway Court

PLANNERS have unanimously backed a big development at Fairway Court, Weymouth, which will demolish 41 homes and build 62 in their place.

The scheme by the Synergy Housing Group will include 14 two-bed houses, four four-bed houses, 22 one-bed flats and 22 two-bed flats, all being social rented homes with 43 out of the 62 providing sheltered accommodation for the elderly.

There will also be 53 parking spaces including six for the disabled as well as 40 cycle spaces.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee was told that, while there was more than enough private amenity space in the scheme, it had barely a tenth the open space required for recreational use in a development of this size.

Only 285 square metres is planned instead of 2,790 square metres, so the applicants propose to contribute £21,660 in lieu

of the shortfall.

A report to the meeting welcomed the scheme and said it would secure "a suitable replacement for the outdated existing accommodation on the site as well as being a welcome boost to local affordable housing stocks".

Councillor Christine James said: "I can't see any reason why we should want to turn this down. The properties that are there at the moment are not the best or the nicest. I support this because we need it."

Councillor Jean Woodward said: "The accommodation is required and I would say yes please. Let's have some more."

Councillor Kate Wheller was concerned that there were consultations with elderly residents to keep them up to date and to avoid stress while Councillor Roger Allen said: "I am quite impressed. It looks a very good scheme, well thought out."

Taxi fare increase : Stables must be removed

PASSENGERS are facing taxi fare rises in Weymouth and Portland but councillors have not backed every increase.

Taxi drivers said there had been no increase since 2008, fuel and other overheads had gone up and the proposed "realistic" increases were vital for many drivers.

The rises, which must still be approved by full council on February 25th, went before a meeting of Weymouth and Portland management committee.

Members backed a raft of increases which will see the total for the first full journey mile rise from £3.90 to £4.20 with extra mile charges after that rising from £1.60 to £1.70 per mile, an overall increase of 6.8 per cent on a five-mile journey.

Night rates could rise 8.33 per cent over a five-mile journey, but councillors refused a night-time tariff rate being applied to all day Sunday and also turned down a request for a discretionary 60 pence booking fee for pre-booked jobs for all vehicles, not rank or flagged.

The meeting did approve a 50 per cent increase in waiting time charges from 20 pence per minute to 30 pence per minute which could equate to an £18 customer charge per hour for being stuck in traffic jams. The current charge is £12.

Councillor Ian James said: "They didn't have a rise last year and the price of running a vehicle has rocketed, so I support pretty much all of it except applying a tariff to Sundays."

TALKS are to be held to try and find an acceptable new site for two stable buildings which were put up without planning permission on Portland.

The site accessed off Reap Lane via two dirt tracks is outside the development boundary.

Members of Weymouth and Portland planning committee unanimously turned down a retrospective application for permission for the stables.

Councillor Roger Allen said: "The thing I find alarming with this is that someone has decided to disregard the planning process."

A report to the meeting said the stables were "visually intrusive", did not respect locally important landscape and were damaging to the archaeology of an area including distinctive medieval strip fields.

Members said they hoped that "an amicable agreement" could be reached by their officers to get the stables relocated "to a more appropriate and less visually intrusive location in consultation with the county archaeologist".

But councillors made it plain that they

were empowering their officers so that the unauthorised stable blocks could be removed by enforcement action if negotiations failed.

Typewriter ribbons

A 76-year-old woman who compiles quizzes for pensioners is appealing for help in finding ribbons for her typewriter.

Mrs Castedo from Weymouth says that she cannot afford a computer but was very grateful to have been given a Panasonic typewriter, which is ideal for compiling and typing quizzes for pensioners' groups. However she has been unable to find Panasonic Correctable film ribbons ref 2506SC or Panasonic lift-off tapes ref 7588LD.

Mrs Castedo hopes that someone might have ribbons that they have no further use for or might know where she can purchase them.

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They have seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots in stock, as well as rhubarb and asparagus. And why not think about which veg seed you'll want to sow in your patch? Before you know it, it'll be all systems go in the garden, so sit down with a cuppa and get your planning done now while you still have a little time and get buying while there are plenty of varieties in stock.

Plus if you didn't get around to planting new bulbs this year, why not pop down to the nursery and pick up a few potted bulbs, for a bit of instant colour to bring a glimmer of spring to your garden?



The effects of the cold

Nothing typifies the winter as much as snow and a hard frost, creating a sparkling white coating on all your garden plants. Although beautiful to look at, snow and frost can be a major problem for gardeners, damaging plant growth and killing tender plants.

Cold weather, particularly frost, causes the water in plant cells to freeze, damaging the cell wall. Frost-damaged plants are easy to spot, their growth becomes limp, blackened and distorted. Evergreen plants often turn brown and the leaves of tender plants take on a translucent appearance. Frost problems are often made worse where plants face the morning sun, as this causes them to defrost quickly, rupturing their cell walls.

Hardy plants and tough evergreens can also be damaged by prolonged spells of severe cold when soil becomes frozen. Roots are unable to take up water and plants die from lack of moisture. Periods of cold, frosty weather during April and May can also kill blossom and damage fruit.

Minimising damage

Prevention is far better than cure, so try to minimise the damaging effects of cold on your plants:

- Avoid golden or variegated plant varieties that are often more tender.
- Choose plants that are reliably hardy in the area where you live.
- Avoid high-nitrogen fertilisers as they encourage plants to make lots of sappy leafy growth that is particularly susceptible to damage, especially early and late in the year.
- Make sure tender specimens are planted in a sheltered spot, under large trees and shrubs or against walls, give them some heat and protection during the winter.
- Ensure that plants with tender flower buds or shoots are not planted in east-facing sites.
- Leave the old growth of tender plants unpruned over the winter months. This will help to protect the central crown of the plant and take the brunt of any frost damage. If plants are cut back hard in autumn new growth could be damaged by frost.
- Cold air and frost always descend to the lowest point in a garden so avoid planting tender plants in obvious frost pockets.

Protecting plants

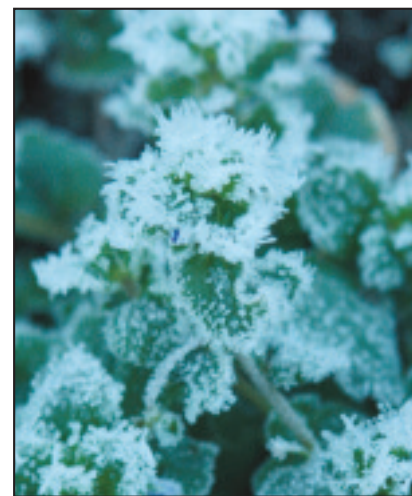
The ever-increasing number of tender plants on offer may not withstand sustained cold without some form of protection. How you protect your plants from the effects of cold depends on the type of plants and the situation they are growing in.

Plants that are trained against walls or tender plants growing in the open ground can be protected with simple, fleece-covered frames. Alternatively, sandwich a layer of bracken leaves or straw between two large sections of chicken wire and use this to cover plants during frosty evenings. Tender bulbs, corms and tender, herbaceous plants (that die back) should be covered with a thick mulch of manure, straw or old leaves to prevent the soil from freezing. In the spring, new shoots can be protected with a loose layer of straw or a bell-cloche.

Evergreen plants will benefit from a thick layer of mulch around their bases to keep the soil frost-free. This will allow them to take up moisture during periods of cold weather and stop them from becoming dehydrated.

Tender plants should be grown in pots so that they can be moved inside during bad weather. Take cuttings of those that cannot be grown in pots and overwinter these in a warm greenhouse, ready for planting in spring.

Protect the crowns of tree ferns and insulate their trunks by wrapping them in layers of fleece or hessian stuffed with straw. Cordylines and palms should be treated similarly, by tying their leaves into bunches, to protect their crowns.



Protect low-growing plants from wet weather by covering them with a sheet of glass or a cloche and surrounding them with a layer of gravel or grit, to ensure swift drainage.

Choose outdoor containers that are frost-proof to prevent them cracking. Lift pots and containers into a shed or greenhouse for protection. Those that can't be moved should be placed on 'pot feet' to prevent waterlogging. Using a light, free-draining compost with added perlite will also help with this. Insulate them with a layer of bubble wrap or hessian to prevent them freezing and cracking and ensure plant rootballs stay healthy.

Damaged plants

If your plants do get frosted this doesn't necessarily mean the end for them, many plants will recover given time. However there are ways of minimising the damage:

- Protect them from the morning sun, which can damage growth if the plant defrosts too quickly. If you can't move the plants, try covering them with a layer of black plastic to block out the sun.
- Cut back frosted growth in spring to a healthy, new bud, to prevent further die back and encourage plants to produce fresh, new shoots.
- Feed damaged plants with a balanced fertiliser (one with equal amounts of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium) to encourage strong, healthy growth.
- Dig up small, tender plants and take them into the greenhouse. Many will quickly produce new growth and recover, provided they are not subjected to prolonged periods of heavy frost, wet or cold.
- Newly-planted specimens will often lift themselves proud of the soil surface if there is a hard frost straight after planting. Check them regularly and re-firm the ground around them to ensure their roots are always in contact with the soil and stop them being pulled out of shape. Branches that move away from the main plant won't spring back into place when the snow melts. Avoid walking on snow-covered grass as it will damage the turf beneath and leave unsightly marks on the lawn. It can also encourage the growth of fungal diseases which thrive in the cool damp conditions.



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Caroline Billington believes that 'small business owners cannot all be financial experts and they should be able to find cost effective support that meets their requirements'. Having a part time finance director allows businesses to control their costs whilst realising the benefits that having a financial expert on board can deliver.

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Roy's great track record

GROWING up in 1960's Merseyside it would have been hard to escape untouched from the thriving music scene.

Although a little young to have seen Liverpool's most famous export, The Beatles, Roy Gregory found plenty of live music to keep him entertained, naming Led Zepplin, Pink Floyd and The Grateful Dead as a few of his favourites.

As a teenager Roy and his friends were all music lovers but it was something he aimed to appreciate and not emulate.

"I'm incapable of playing any instrument and I can't sing but I think early on a lot of my friends were in groups," he said.

"As I couldn't play I was a bit more interested in listening to stuff and very early on I did a bit of buying and selling records and I built up a reasonable collection of records."

It was in the late sixties with the arrival of the psychedelic era that Roy really found a genre that

ROY GREGORY is the mastermind behind Bridport's increasingly popular Vinyl Saturday. Last month the world's leading authority on all things vinyl Record Collector Magazine recognised it as Fair of the year 2009. Having only begun in November 2008 the event has grown rapidly. Roy spoke to View From reporter TOM GLOVER about why he thinks the event is so popular and where it is set to go in 2010.

spoke to him. As times changed so did the music but Roy has always found something to interest him, from punk to Elvis Costello and from The Smiths to Britpop.

Roy moved to Bridport just over three-years-ago bringing with him an extensive collection of records and CDs built up over a lifetime.

Feeling he needed to free up some space at home he combined his love of records with that of the market, which had played its role in attracting him to the area.

Roy found his record and CD stall to be very popular and soon spotted charity shops and other stalls picking up on the opportunity.

This sowed the seeds of what would later become

"Vinyl Saturday".

"I had seen something about Hay-on-Wye being the town for books and I thought that was an interesting concept. There is actually nowhere that I have seen in Europe where a whole town gets behind music in terms of selling it," he explained.

"We have a lot to offer in Bridport for tourists and visitors but we could always do with a few more because the way the economy is. The more people we bring in the better."

"I thought why not try and create this environment four times a year when people come to Bridport to look for records and CDs. I realised that just me on a market stall wasn't going to do that and it needed

actually to encompass more of the shops and the market traders and the venues."

Roy was wary of similar towns to Bridport that had lost their individuality with the arrival of large shops and super-market chains.

He felt sure that an attraction like this would bring people into the town not only to shop for records but also to support other local traders.

His enthusiasm was shared by Bridport Town Council who actively encouraged other traders to take part in the event.

"The first fair took a great deal of legwork to put on but I got a great deal of support from the town council and the tourist board in promoting it," Roy said.

"The first one seemed to go very well and everyone enjoyed it. You could judge that because when we said we were going to do another one, all the sellers said they wanted to do it again. Over time more of the traders remember and get into it."

"A lot of the shops have done window displays and everyone recognises that it brings people into the town."

In just a year "Vinyl Saturday" had become a regular and popular feature in Bridport's events diary. Its success peaked in August last year when an estimated 450 people travelled to Bridport in search of the elusive album to add to their collection.

"A lot of the people who sell believe that if we can keep the momentum going and keep getting more people involved then it will soon become the premier event in the south west of England for record collectors," said Roy.

Roy is not exclusively a vinyl enthusiast and has his fair share of CDs too, but it was the arrival of the MP3 that re-kindled his love for the fallen format.

He said: "Eventually you start to think in terms of 'what are you doing?' It's almost become no different to standing in a lift, its music in the background."

"I have noticed the difference since selling vinyl again. If you choose to put a record on you actually go and select it, you put it on the deck and you've got 20 minutes where you know you've got to sit and listen to it because at the end you've got to lift the



stylus up. It's a conscious decision, like picking up a book, so you listen to it.

"I think with a CD you put it on and you wander off, with iPods it's on constantly in the background and I think it's a different type of listen personally."

For Roy the transition to an MP3 file may have made music more accessible but he felt something had been lost.

"It didn't occur to me when CDs first came out but it did later," he said.

"The things you miss are the experience of actually having something almost organic in your hands, an LP cover. If you look at classic album art they are a statement in their own right, they were artistic. Once you condense it down to a CD it loses some of the effect and then even more once you move it to your iPod and it's just a visual on the screen."

"I think people miss going to the record shop and getting something with an intrinsic value and that has been my experience from Vinyl Saturday."

The success of Vinyl Saturday has snowballed in its short existence and following its

praise from the vinyl enthusiast's highest authority, Record Collector magazine, Roy hopes that it will grow and grow.

"The next stage is to try and make it a weekend event so that the town benefits even more with people staying over," he said.

Roy is planning to create a "Brid Music Weekender" which will take place on the weekend of this year's August fair. The idea being to create a banner under which venues around the town can host live music.

Roy has already been in talks with The Electric Palace about hosting the main event on the Saturday night and has been on the hunt for bands to headline the gig.

"I went back to my psychedelic, proggy days to find something that was a bit different. That came when I saw this band 'Achilles Sound' at The Lamer Tree Festival. It was the first band I had seen in 20 years where there were loads of teenagers sat crossed legged and nodding their heads like in the prog days."

"At the time they were voted the best unsigned band in the south west, but they have now just

signed a deal and have been on Radio 1 and Radio 6 Music. I am expecting by the August that they will have quite a prominence so I think we might have picked quite well there."

Having secured his first act Roy has since booked the Gilbert Quick Orchestra, the band of Simon Barber formerly of The Chesterfields. Roy is hoping to confirm Pineapple Thief to complete the line up. The Yeovil based band has sold more than 35,000 records since the launch of their debut album.

For someone with such a rich knowledge of music I couldn't go without asking him the question that every music lover has contemplated.

"What would be my three desert island discs? The Grateful Dead - Dark Star, Traffic - Mr Fantasy and Love - Forever Changes. I think it was because they were the first tracks I heard where I really appreciated music and it really grabbed me to think I needed to hear more."

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body else who needs that perfect individual outfit.

Victoria's Closet is also a must for accessories, offering new, pre-owned and vintage jewellery, as well as stylish handbags by the likes of Louis Vuitton and Dolce and Gabbana. You will also find a delicious range of underwear and corsets.

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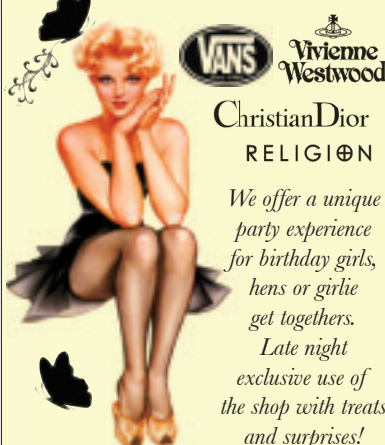
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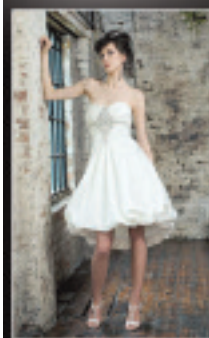
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■ The forerunner to Stems was The Bridge Flower Shop, a very long established Dorchester business that, at one time, had such an enviable reputation.

Some years ago the business relocated to the town's fashionable Antelope Walk, and one year ago it was acquired by Joanne Clarke who set about returning the business back to a strong position.

Joanne has introduced changes, not just cosmetically, but also the suppliers of her flowers. They now arrive at Stems within 24 hours of being cut in order to maintain optimum freshness. Customers can now choose from a wide range of flowers and plants that are now always available, and complementing this is a useful choice of sundries such as vases, pot covers, chocolates, balloons and gifts including cuddly bears.

Stems specialises in everything to do with flowers including, of course, weddings and funerals, flowers for corporate events and all sorts of celebrations such as anniversaries and birthdays. Local deliveries are never a problem, with deliveries worldwide via Interflora.

Open six days a week at Antelope Walk you can telephone Stems on 01305 262460 and soon there will be a website available at www.stemsofdorchester.co.uk.

Having had an exceptionally busy Christmas, more busy times are fast approaching such as



next week's Valentine's Day, so do talk to Joanne and her staff soon about those red roses and bunches of flowers! And then there's Mother's Day and Easter to be thinking about.

Mirari

Beautiful gifts for your Valentine

■ Mirari is underwear heaven, selling styles and sizes to suit all, with classic pieces and contemporary sets which are bang on trend.

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Mirari have a wide range of beautiful and luxurious Valentine gifts for the ladies, including their new and exciting labels Prima Donna and Marie Jo.

With summer fast approaching you will find a stunning new range of swimwear to add to their large stock of All Year Swimwear.

Visit Mirari today for the perfect shopping experience; you can even benefit from their end of season sale which offers 20% off selected items in the Aubade past season ranges.



Dorchester County Museum

Half term events at Dorset County Museum



Half Term Events

Saturday 20 February
(for one day only)
Exhibition: The Dorset Coast through a Microscope
10am to 3.30pm

DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

Wednesday 17 February 10am to 3pm
Meet Terry Deary, author of 'Horrible Histories' (10 to 11am) plus a full day of family activities and a 'Mystery Object Surgery' (1 to 3pm) - bring in your weird and wonderful finds for our experts to identify.
Everyone welcome - entry FREE all day!

Thursday 18 February at 7.30pm
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■ On Wednesday 17 February, Dorset County Museum are running a day of activities based around the BBC's A History of the World in 100 Objects.

The highlight of the morning will be a visit from Terry Deary, author of the 'Horrible History' books. Terry will be in the Museum from 10 till 11am, helping with the activities and signing copies of his books. Between 10am and 3pm, younger visitors can choose an object from the Museum and use their imagination to create a story around it, comic-book style. A Horrible Histories-style book entitled "Dastardly Dorset" will then be put together and displayed in the Museum.

From 1pm, the Museum Club will begin working on a 'virtual museum' project. To join in, simply choose your favourite artefact, take a photo or draw a picture of it, write a label, and the Museum Club will add it to the virtual museum.

For the more mature visitor, between 1 and 3pm, Museum curators and experts from other Dorset Museums will be on hand to help identify 'mystery' objects. If you have found an unusual fossil or unearthed a flint tool or piece of pottery, bring it along and the team will do their best to tell you what it is. In addition, a range of rare and sometimes bizarre objects from the Museum's handling collection will be on display for you to puzzle over.

Everyone is welcome and entry to the Museum will be free all day.

WIN a family pass to Dorchester County Museum

Answer the following simple question for your chance to win tickets for two adults and up to four children to the Dorchester County Museum during half term:

What date was Thomas Hardy's Birthday?

Please send your answer, along with your contact details, on the back of a postcard to: Dorchester Museum Competition, Lyme Media and Events Ltd., Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3DB. A winner will be picked out at random from the correct entries. Entries should be received no later than Friday, February 12th 2010. Editor's decision is final.

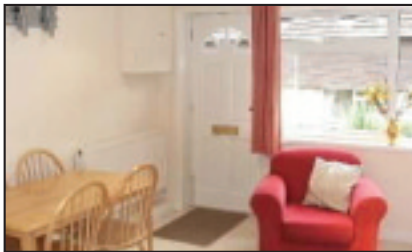
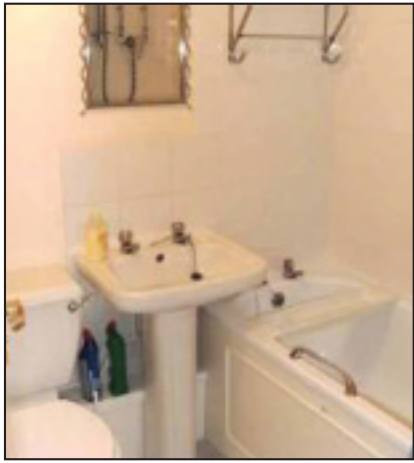
Beautiful three bedroom bungalow

CHAMPIONHOLMES is pleased to offer a furnished semi detached bungalow for £675 pcm. It is set within hotel complex with use of outdoor swimming pool. Located close to the village of Charmouth and the Jurassic Coast, the bungalow is available as a long let with immediate occupation.

The open plan Living, Dining and Kitchen area has fitted wall and base units incorporating a built-in electric oven and ceramic hob and an integrated fridge. A passage with doors off to the Bathroom, with tiled flooring, has a shower facility. Doors lead to the three bedrooms; - a single, double and a large double. Outside is a patio area to the side with a small garden to the front. The property benefits from electric-wet heating and off-road parking.

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Impressive Grade II Listed property



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On the ground floor is a good sized lounge with Hamstone fireplace, beautiful bespoke kitchen with Aga open to an adjoining dining room, and utility room. To the rear of the property a former skittle alley and adjoining barn have been converted to provide further accommodation comprising garden room, bedroom 5 or office and bathroom, offering space for a dependent relative or use as a home office. There is parking available to the front and a courtyard to the rear with open fronted shed and storage area. This is a property offering spacious internal accommodation with a small outside space which could be ideal for anyone who does not want the burden of a garden or it could make a good letting or holiday letting investment with plenty of walks nearby and the beautiful Forde Abbey and Gardens within a mile. Offers are invited with a guide price of £295,000.

For more information or to book a viewing, please call Gordon and Rumsby on 01460 30888 or 01297 553768 or visit www.gordonandrumsby.co.uk.



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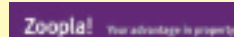
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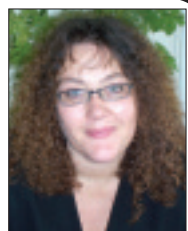
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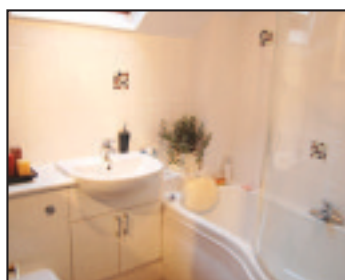
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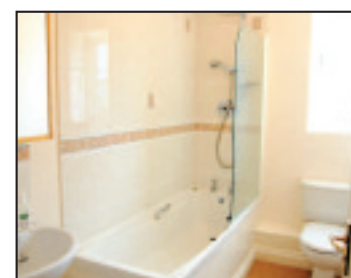
CHARMOUTH - £359,500



A modern 5 year old three bed detached house situated in an elevated position on the western side of Charmouth. Currently operating as a successful holiday letting business.

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- Bathroom
- Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower
- Small Garden
- Kitchen
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- Parking Space
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- Dining Room

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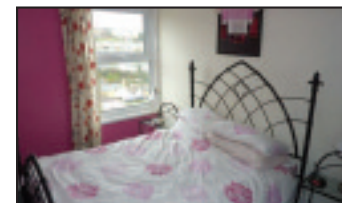
- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility/Rear Lobby
- Three Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Further Bedroom And En-Suite Cloakroom
- Driveway
- Garage
- Gardens
- Swimming Pool

UPLYME - £245,000



- Period terraced cottage
- Accommodation over three floors
- Living room with wood burning stove
- Large lower ground floor kitchen/dining room
- Bedroom 3 / study
- Two first floor bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Courtyard garden

LYME REGIS - £327,000



- Entrance Porch
- Sitting Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Utility room
- Garden Room
- Enclosed Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

ROUSDON - £745,000



- Individual spacious house
- Village setting close to Lyme Regis
- Potential annexe / B&B
- 5 bedrooms, 3 en-suite
- Large living room
- Family kitchen / breakfast room
- Dining hall and study
- uPVC double glazed conservatory
- Approx. half acre landscaped garden
- Additional 3.75 acre paddock
- Detached double garage
- Graveled driveway and parking

LYME REGIS - £149,950



- A two bedroom first floor flat with parking situated on the mostly level riverside walk into the town and seafront.
- Entrance porch
- Living room
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Parking

UPLYME - £395,000



- Entrance hall
- Cloakroom
- Living room
- Kitchen/dining room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- with en-suite
- 3 further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Integral garage

LYME REGIS - £560,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double garage
- Gardens

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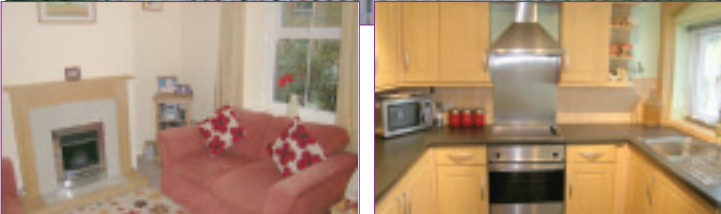


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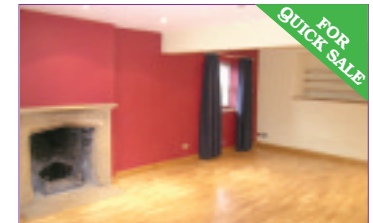
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View 2 Music

Season of live
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EACH week, here in View 2's very own music column, we'll be bringing you the latest news and gossip. Sometimes we'll be focusing on the music world in general, some weeks we'll be keeping things decidedly local.

And that's the way we're going to start, with news that the Woodmead Halls in Lyme Regis will be hosting an exciting season of live gigs from spring through to autumn later this year.

At the moment, 11 gigs are planned and organisers are on the lookout for local bands and artists to fill the support slots throughout the series of concerts.

From established tribute acts like Whole Lotta Led to folk legend Martin Simpson, not only is this a chance to catch some great music in Lyme but - if you're a performer or in a band - you could also be on the bill yourself!

The first show takes place on April 3rd and features **Paul Lamb and the Kingsnakes**. The group, who have won the Best Band accolade at the British Blues Connection Awards on more than one occasion, have been together since the 1980s. Paul himself has recently been inducted into the British Blues Awards Halls of Fame, alongside the likes of Peter Green and John Mayall.

Mixing intelligent lyrics with catchy tunes, **Stackridge** come to Lyme on May 1st. The folk-pop-prog rockers were a big deal back in the 1970s, their many claims to fame including being the opening act at the very first Glastonbury Festival and working with Beatles producer George Martin. They also supported Elton John alongside The Beach Boys at a Wembley Stadium gig in 1975.

The Larry Miller Band come to town on May 15th. Larry is one of the UK's top blues guitarists and names Jimi Hendrix, Rory Gallagher and BB King amongst his influences. Kerrang magazine said of him: "Berry invented it, Jagger modified it, Nugent abused it... and Miller looks set to once again re-define the whole damn package."

The Hamsters are known for their covers of Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top tunes but their setlists include music from a whole host of artists, mainly drawn from the world of Americana. BBC Radio Two's Bob Harris has called them: "...fabulous. One of Britain's top live bands." You can catch them on June 26th.

Thin Lizzy tribute act **Limehouse Lizzy** play on July 10th. Armed with some of the most powerful tracks in the history of rock, these boys pay fine homage to the music of Phil Lynott and co.

John Otway has built up a massive cult following over the years, having arrived on the music scene on the back of punk rock with 'Really Free' in 1976. That song secured The Who's Pete Townshend as producer for his debut album and Paul McCartney even asked him to open for Wings on tour, but Otway's projected success was not to be. He didn't score another hit until 2002 when, after a massive campaign amongst his fans, 'Bunsen Burner' reached the UK Top Ten. But the punk eccentric is still a "must see" live act and his Lyme show will no doubt feature the manic energy with which Otway has kept such a loyal audience over the years. He's at the Woodmead Halls on July 17th.

Part of the British folk scene since the 1970s, **Martin Simpson** is as an established a name as you're likely to come across. His 2007 CD Prodigal Son won the Best Album title at the BBC Radio Two Folk Awards the following year, whilst 'Never Any Good' - from the same recording - won the award for Best Original Song. Don't miss his performance on August 7th.

Well known in these parts, **Whole Lotta Led** are the country's top tribute to rock giants Led Zeppelin. And with chances of Page, Plant and Jones following-up their brief 2007 reunion slim, this is the closest you'll get to seeing the originals in action! The band make their long-awaited return to Lyme Regis on August 28th.

Another tribute act, the **Joni Mitchell Project**, visit the town on September 11th. The show features Sally Barker playing a selection of Joni's poignant early songs, with Glenn Hughes on piano and dulcimer alongside Debbie Cassell on banjo and backing vocals.

Five-piece group **Sgt Pepper's Only Dart Board Band** is renowned for their storming live shows paying tribute to The Beatles. The band, with their own Fab Four plus Sgt Pepper on keyboards, perform the most complex Beatles songs completely live and without the use of backing tracks. Creating a faithful reproduction of the Fab Fours' greatest hits and a selection of well known album tracks, the guys - in their full Pepper regalia - produce a tight and compact sound. A splendid time is guaranteed for all on October 2nd.

Finally, Welsh singer-songwriter **Martyn Joseph** plays the Woodmead Halls on October 30th. Martyn's blend of Celtic and folk influences have led to a sound that has attracted audiences for more than quarter-of-a-century. As well as a loyal live following, he's been no stranger to the charts with his most widely known hit being 'Dolphins Make Me Cry'. He's been on tour with the likes of Art Garfunkel and even Shirley Bassey! His mix of hard-hitting issue based songs to stripped bare love songs make him essential listening... and viewing.

Watch this space for ticket details on all the gigs in this season. If you're interested in filling one of the support slots, please contact lymeregistv@live.co.uk

No payment is being offered, but participants will be eligible for concessionary prices on ticket sales and will also receive a video of their performance, along with the opportunity to appear on a proposed 'Local Legends' DVD. You'll also get the experience of working with long established professional acts!

by James Coles

HE'S ELECTRIC! Gig for Haiti

ALABAMA born comedian Reginald D Hunter makes his return to Bridport's Electric Palace as part of Dorset's biggest comedy club night, Electric Comedy. Electric Comedy has brought names such as Russell Howard, Lee Mack, Ardal O'Hanlon and Sean Hughes to the Palace, and this promises to be another fantastic night.

Star of Live At The Apollo and Have I Got News For You regular, Hunter is one of the hottest and most talked about comedians in the country right now. Since starting out in comedy in the USA as a dare by a friend, Reginald's career has gone from strength to strength and he's now a household name from barnstorming appearances on Live At The Apollo, Have I Got News For You, 8 Out Of 10 Cats, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and more. Reginald has been nominated for comedy's biggest prize, the prestigious Perrier award an unprecedented 3 times. His stand-up performances perfectly combine his love of acting with his great passion for seeing the funnier side of life. This potent blend of down to earth honesty and hilarious anecdotes about his life and relationships has captivated audiences worldwide and been the bedrock of his success. Don't miss this rare chance to catch one of the world's best comedians live in Bridport.

Joining Reginald will be the UK's leading Comedian/Magician and E4 regular Pete Firman 'More magic than Dumble-dore on a good day!' And resident host, Canadian comic Craig Campbell who's brilliantly crafted travel tales and unique view as life as a Canadian in the UK never fail to surprise.

Reginald D Hunter is performing at The Electric Palace on Wednesday, February 17th. Tickets are £10, and doors open at 7pm. Telephone 01308 428354 or visit www.electricpalace.org.uk for more details or ticket bookings.



A LIVE music extravaganza in support of the Haiti earthquake victims is to be held at Freshwater Caravan Park.

The event is organised by Thoroughbredmusic in association with Wessex FM and Freshwater Caravan Park will feature music by among others The Producers, Pondlife and Mutter Slater.

Freshwater for Haiti which takes place on Saturday February 21st begins at 3.00pm until approx 10.30pm. Tickets cost £10 each and are available from Frosts, West Street, Bridport Music in South Street as well as Freshwater Holiday Park or on the door.

Buses will run from Bridport. For more details contact www.wessexfm.com or call Freshwater on 01308 897317.

Award-winning
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BRIDPORT'S quarterly Vinyl Saturday event which attracts music collectors from all over the country, will be held on Saturday, February 20th with Record Fairs in The Electric Palace and The Ropemakers Pub, in addition to the many shops and market traders who also participate by selling records and cds.

Bridport was the first town in Europe to organise a themed event for collectors of records and it has been recognized by Record Collector Magazine, who have awarded Vinyl Saturday the status of "Record Fair Of The Year" for 2009.

The recent resurgence in Record Collecting has

certainly benefitted Bridport in attracting music fans to the town and the organizer Roy Gregory's always keen for as many shops and market stalls to participate by selling records, cds and music memorabilia.

2010 will see Vinyl Saturday Bridport aiming to win the award again, by developing the event with evening entertainment plus an additional record and cd fair on the Sunday, with the aim of attracting music fans to stay for a few days and sample the delights of Bridport.

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Is this just fantasy?

FORKBEARD Fantasy, maestros of comic cine theatre, arrive at the Marine Theatre on February 25th and 26th to present 'The Colour of Nonsense', their comedy sci-fi thriller about a priceless Invisible Artwork... and its theft.

At the studios of Splash, Line and Scuro, Cutting Edge Conceptualists, things have been sliding dangerously down hill of late. Then out of the blue comes a salivatingly irresistible commission for the very first ever completely genuine INVISIBLE ARTWORK. The Colour of Nonsense explores the never-ending puzzle of how and why we see the way we see, as it takes us on a journey through the wild and ever-shifting borderlands between Sense and Non Sense. As mutinous cartoons throw the Studio into animated confusion, only the Dong with a Luminous Nose seems able to shed light into this chiaroscuro of chaos. With nods to Edward Lear and The Emperor's New Clothes, Forkbeard's new comedy explores creativity and the paralysis of indecision.



Founded in 1974 by brothers Chris and Tim Britton and designer Penny Saunders, Forkbeard Fantasy have been making their highly individual multi-media mix of theatre, film, cartoon, mechanized sets, Heath Robinson gadgetry and visual jiggerypokery with ever more disconcerting and hilarious results for over 35 years. The film interaction from stage to screen, now frequently seen on the modern stage, is a combination in which they've long been recognised as pioneers.

With the longevity of the Forkbeard artists, 'The Colour of Nonsense' offers a comically personal and semi-autobiographical show - especially with its observations on the highs and lows of creativity, ideas, paralysing indecision and the coming and going of fashions and fads in the arts. The show is also notable in that it is entirely a three-hander... the three performers operate all the lighting, sound, projections and technical effects with no technicians or stage crew and just a couple of extra lights at each venue on the Tour. The lighting is mostly LED ensuring an appreciable cut in the FF carbon footprint!



Forkbeard's work can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/forkbeardfantasy> and on their website www.forkbeardfantasy.co.uk

Marine Theatre Creative Director Ian Stephens said: "It's a real coup to bring Forkbeard Fantasy to the Marine Theatre; they are a company I have admired for a long time, for their creative approach to theatre-making, and their ability to make their subject funny and entertaining at the same time as asking revealing questions about life. They were the sensation of last year's Fossil Festival, and many people asked me to try to persuade them back. I saw The Colour of Nonsense in Bristol, enjoyed it immensely, and just knew we had to get it to Lyme."

The Colour of Nonsense is being staged at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 (£8 in advance), available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, online at www.marintheatre.org.uk or on the door.

Read next week's View 2 for an interview with Forkbeard Fantasy founder Tim Britton.

View 2 TV

Hyper Gordon was 'amazing'

NEW Doctor Who Matt Smith is set to have three new companions in the Tardis this year.

Doctor fans have already been introduced to Amy Pond (Katen Gillan) but BBC Cardiff, who makes the cult series, are remaining tipped lipped about the other two.

The Doctor whisks kissogram Amy off her feet, and the pair even share a cheeky snog before the new girl reveals that she was about to get married to fiancé Rory Williams (played by Arthur Darvill) when she met the Time Lord.

Horrified that he might have split up the happy couple, the Doctor gate-crashes Rory's stag do and bundles him into the Tardis. The reunited pair are set to face vampires, Daleks and show boss Steven Moffat's famous Weeping Angels on their adventures with the Doctor, but there's another big shock in store when a third companion is added to the mix later in the series.

It's going to be mighty crowded in that Police Box.



GOING SOFT? | Gordon Ramsay looks uncomfortable in the USA

WHAT'S happened to Gordon Ramsay, holder of the filthiest tongue on UK television and the recipient of 12 Michelin stars?

He's obviously been forced to tone down his colourful language in his television series in the USA where he teaches Americans to cook three courses in one hour. (Is that so difficult?)

He uttered only one expletive in last week's episode, a very tame "arse". Not only that. His voice went up two octaves and he used the adjective "amazing" at least 30 times in the first ten minutes followed by numerous "awesomes" to the point where it became irritating in the extreme. He looked for hyper than usual and very nervous.

Gordon just does not look comfortable in the less liberal American TV culture.

SOAP RUMOUR: Murdering mum Tracy Barlow is returning to Coronation Street. She will be back on the Street before the year is out.

Sent down for life for killing bad boy boyfriend Charlie Stubbs (Bill Ward), Tracy, played by Kate Ford, will soon be back on our screens making life difficult for the people of Weatherfield, despite the fact she's still behind bars, especially one much-loved character (step forward Roy Cropper?)

A after a two-month stint she's destined for a storyline on a more permanent basis.

by Philip Evans

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View 2 Cinema

An all-star cast for Valentine's Day

THIS week's new releases include teenage comedy "Youth in Revolt" (15) starring Michael Cera ("Juno", "Superbad") as Nick Twisp.

When his mother and her new boyfriend move the family to a trailer park, Nick is more than out of his depth, until he meets girl next door Sheeni (Portia Doubleday). It's love at first sight and, with the help of alter-ego Francois, Nick begins his hilarious quest to win over Sheeni – getting himself into more trouble than expected.

If you're looking for something to entertain the kids this week, CGI animation "Astro Boy" (PG) is packed full of action and adventure.

Set in the futuristic Metro City, "Astro Boy" is about a young robot with amazing super powers, who is in search of acceptance. During his journey, Astro Boy learns all about the emotion of being a human and gains the strength to help his family and friends when he hears they are in trouble. Can Astro Boy save the day?

Nominated for three Golden Globe Awards, "Invictus" (12A) tells the true story of newly-elected president Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) in the wake of apartheid.

In an attempt to bring his divided country together through sport, Mandela joins forces with captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon) as he leads his underdog team to lift the 1995 World Cup.

Academy Award nominee for best actor, Colin Firth, stars in "A Single Man" (12A) alongside Julianne Moore ("The Hours") and Nicholas Hoult ("About a Boy", "Skins").

Set in 1964 Los Angeles, Firth plays college professor George Falconer, who is struggling to find meaning to his life following the death of his long-term partner. George is helped along the way by close friend Charley, and stalked by a young student, Kenny, who is finding his own way in life. Released on Friday, February 12th.

If you're looking for something to do this Valentine's Day, why not be entertained by an all-star cast, including Jessica Alba, Jamie Foxx, Anne Hathaway, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah and Julia Roberts?

Romantic comedy "Valentine's Day" (12A) follows the intertwining storylines of a group of Los Angelinos as they make their way through the ups and downs of love on the most romantic day of the year.

Released on Friday, February 12th.

"The Wolfman" (15) stars Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins and Emily Blunt. The film tells the dark tale of an American, who returns to his family home in Victorian Great Britain to search for his missing brother, but instead suffers an unsettling transformation and discovers an unexpected destiny after being attacked by a werewolf.

Released on Friday, February 12th.

by Francesca Evans



ALL-STAR ROM-COM | Anne Hathaway and Tophir Grace in Valentine's Day

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And for those who have ever cursed their luck at missing out on a quick response, the team are running an improvisational workshop before the show.

Meanwhile pupils at Symonds Primary School will also get a lesson in improv from Chris Grimes, one of the gang.

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HELEN MARTIN

Family History events in West Dorset

2010 looks to continue to be a good year for family historians with the completion of the 1911 Census and many more London records going online. A new series of 'Who do you think you are?' is planned for the spring.

Local family historian Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard has been asked to present two talks at the 'Who do you think you are?' Live Fair at Olympia February 26th-28th.

Jane says: "I am very excited to be asked to give two talks at Olympia. I've

been asked to repeat my talk about Dorset resources which I did last year on Friday as well as a new one on the Sunday where I shall also be joining the Society of Genealogists team of experts who offer twenty minute help sessions to visitors. It is a great day out and a chance to see what is going on in the history world, and attend talks by some of the top speakers in the country."

The National History show is now in its third year and attracts about 13,000 people over the three days.

Roy Bremner will be talking about his appearance on the TV programme, and all the large commercial firms will be present as well as the National Archives, many family history societies, a military pavilion and a photography gallery..

Jane is organising a coach trip to the fair on Friday February 26th, leaving Bridport at 6.30am and Dorchester at 6.55am at a cost of £21.00. If you are interested call Jane on 01308 425710 or janeffhistory@aol.com as soon as possible.

Review: Tavaziva Dance's Wild Dog

Saturday, February 6th at Bridport Arts Centre

WILD dog was an expressive dynamic dance piece performed by Tavaziva. The dancers bounded onto the stage springing along with an anamallistic rhythm. There was a sense of competition, aggression, threat and playfulness in their movements and the dancers moved in a way that portrayed inquisitive wolf like creatures, very aware of their environment through super keen acute senses. Their costumes looked urban and earthy suggesting wildness or pack animals. The choreography was stunning and imaginative. The shapes the dancers created were tangled, arched, twisted and awkward but very precise and clear. The music began as rain fall, creating a calm tropical feel, changing into contemporary eerie sounds while tribal singing and African rhythms rang throughout the piece. All the dancers were strong and athletic showing great control and rhythm in their movements. The dance showed predators and prey, hunger and need, fighting and competition with beautiful gentleness portrayed as well. Wild Dog was enormously energetic with beautiful leaps and moves. This is a wonderful, inventive dance company with astonishing dancers and extraordinary choreography.

by Marina Renee-Cemnick (member of Bridport Arts Centre's Youth Dance School)

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CIRCLEGRAM



Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be re-arranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

WORD SQUARE

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one five-letter word.

20 words = OK,
30 words = Good,
40 words = Great,
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Strillozzi's is pleased to be able to cater for vegetarians and those who are wheat and gluten intolerant; don't hesitate to give them a call!

Couples can enjoy a complimentary glass of Prosecco with their Valentine meal. Then choose from a selection of indulgent desserts, the Italian classic homemade 'Tiramisu' or 'Torta cioccolato e noci' - a rich homemade chocolate and pecan tart, followed by real Italian coffee to conclude your evening.

The 'Menu di San Valentino' is available on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th February. It is essential to book to avoid disappointment.

Strillozzi's is happy to email or post a full copy of the 'Menu di San Valentino'.

Telephone 01297 631608 to make your reservation or to request a copy of the menu. Strillozzi's looks forward to seeing you!



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♥ The Alexandra Hotel

The award-winning restaurant at Lyme's Alexandra Hotel blends fine-dining and impeccable service with crystal glasses and crisp white linen on candlelit tables - all the ingredients for a romantic dinner. Over Valentine's weekend (13 and 14 February), the restaurant invites couples to enjoy a five-course dinner, with canapés. Tables-for-two are also available in the Conservatory Restaurant - where brasserie-style dishes are served in an informal garden room furnished with Lloyd Loom chairs.

Both restaurants enjoy views over the garden towards the sea and, under executive chef, Ian Grant, both celebrate the region's wealth of fresh, local

produce. Dine on Lyme Bay scallops, Beer-caught crab, Dorset lamb, or fillet of Devon beef; finish off with a wonderful choice of puddings; chocolate fondant with Devon clotted cream, hand-made ice-creams from Somerset or a selection of West Country cheeses. For Valentines, bottles of pink bubbly - René Jolly Rosé Champagne - is offered at a special price of £38.50 (usually £45).

Book into one of the hotel's glamorous rooms, and spend the night in a king-size bed, waking up to one of the best views on the West Dorset coast. If the mood of the evening inspires a proposal, then the hotel has a wedding license, too.

♥ The Lodgers Arms



Mike, Julie Webb and their family have been associated with the Bridport area for over 14 years and took over Lodgers Arms last May.

Lodgers has undergone a minor refurbishment in the bar, restaurant, garden, patio and skittle alley.

Mike and Julie are passionate about their food, which is all homemade and they have introduced a menu that reflects the changing seasons, using as many ingredients possible sourced from local suppliers.

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The restaurant's full evening menu will be available throughout Valentine's Weekend as well as a competitively

priced special two or three course "Lovers Special" to tempt the taste-buds.

By the Bay has undergone something of a transformation lately. Not only have the owners introduced a new chilled atmosphere with a funky bar, leather sofas and subtle lighting, but they have marked their first anniversary by announcing that their new license allows them to operate as Lyme's first wine bar.

"We're really excited as

this will allow us to experiment with our wine lists and introduce some guest wines over the coming months," says owner, Tony Colston. "We're also looking forward to the lighter evenings when our customers will be able to enjoy a bottle of wine on the terrace - perhaps complimented by some tasty olives or cheese platter, but without the need to buy a full meal."

There's lots going on at By the Bay in 2010 and

following hot on the heels of Valentine's Day will be the restaurant's first wine evening on Thursday, February 25th when Martin Platt of Just Fine Wines will be hosting an evening of fine dining

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More details are available on By the Bay's website www.bythebay.co.uk or by calling the restaurant on 01297 4426687.



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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

LYME REGIS: A Presentation by Alan Humphries at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club.

FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH & 13TH

BOTHENHAMPTON: 'Aladdin' performed by Bothenhampton Village Players at the V-lalge Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults and £3 children, including light supper and wine. Tickets from 01308 458006 or 458141.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Valentine coffee morning with stalls. At Bridport United Church Hall from 10am - 12midday. In aid of Cancer Research UK, and National Autistic Society. Telephone 01308 423037 for more details.

LYME REGIS: Valentine's Jumble Sale at the Baptist Church Hall to raise money for Lyme Regis Gig Club. If you have any jumble to donate please call 01297 443810 or 01297 444783 by 11th February. Admission for the sale is 20p.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: African Drumming Workshop, 2pm - 5.30pm at The Salt House. Organised by Nick Blore, Good2Drum. Telephone 01308 420580 for more details.

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall from 2pm. In aid of Hall funds. To book a table space call 01297 631919.

FEBRUARY 19TH, 20TH & 21ST

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Today and Yesterday: Exhibition of Life, Work and History in the Char Valley. The past and present in photos and documents from the parishes of Whitchurch Canonicorum, Stanton St Gabriel and Wootton Fitzpaine. At the Village Hall from 10am - 5pm. Entry £2, children under 16 free.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrews Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. All proceeds to St Andrews Community Hall. Call 07813513062 for more details.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Held at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. Call 01305 852886 for more details.

BRIDPORT: Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale in aid of SPRING (Supporting Parents and Relatives in Neonatal Grief) at Bridport United Church Hall, East Street from 10am - 12noon. Free admission. Tombola, raffle, books, bric-a-brac etc. Call 01308 458598 for more details.

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

BRIDPORT: Managing the Cerne Giant - illustrated talk at Bridport United Church Hall, speaker Rob Rhodes, Head Warden Dorset National Trust. From 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National trust. Non-members welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

BEAMINSTER: Women in Agriculture - illustrated talk by Elizabeth Gale at Beaminster Museum, Whotcombe Road. From 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

LYME REGIS: Tony Marriott to give presentation and judge competition at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

BEAMINSTER: Concert by Sherborne School for Girls Madrigal Society and Chamber Orchestra. Works by Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure and Britten. At St Mary's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from Church Office, 8 Hogshill Street, on the door or telephone 01308 862320 for more details.

James Taylor Quartet to jazz up the Bridport Arts Centre

FOR over 20 years the James Taylor Quartet have become renowned for their brilliant live performances. Championed by John Peel in their early days they are famed for their owned jazzy versions of film track classics. Their up tempo performances include classic Sixties film themes such as Herbie Hancock's Blow-Up, Alfie, Mrs. Robinson and Goldfinger.

And a favourite - which went on to become their signature theme - being Starsky and Hutch.

They have performed with among others U2, The Wonder Stuff, The Pogues, Manic Street Preachers, Kingmaker and even the legendary Tom Jones.

As well as their own take on well loved classics they became soundtrack artists in their own right writing Austin's theme for the The Austin Powers movie.

The James Taylor Quartet is now highly respected as an important and innovative established act which has carved out a unique place for itself in music.

They have performed 1000's of gigs around the world over a 23 year period. They say: "We pride ourselves on our musicianship and our ability to connect to and to work with a live audience, bringing about performances that repeatedly create phenomenal surges of tension, energy and excitement."

The James Taylor Quartet play at Bridport Arts Centre, South Street on Saturday (February 13th) at 8pm. Tickets are standing £15 (supporters £14, concessions £10), and balcony seats £16 (supporters £15, concessions £13). For tickets or more details call 01308 424204.



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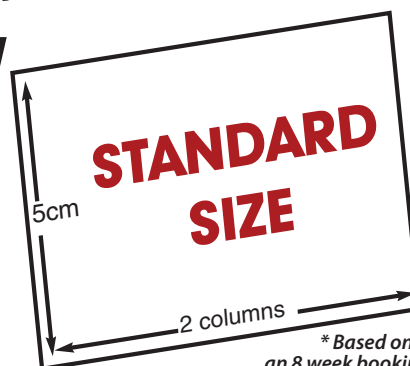
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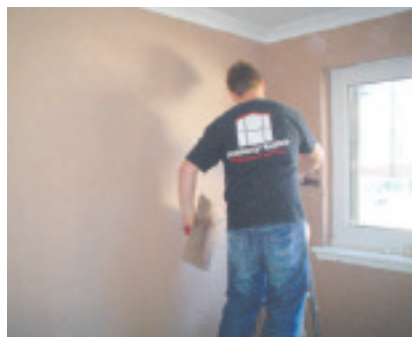
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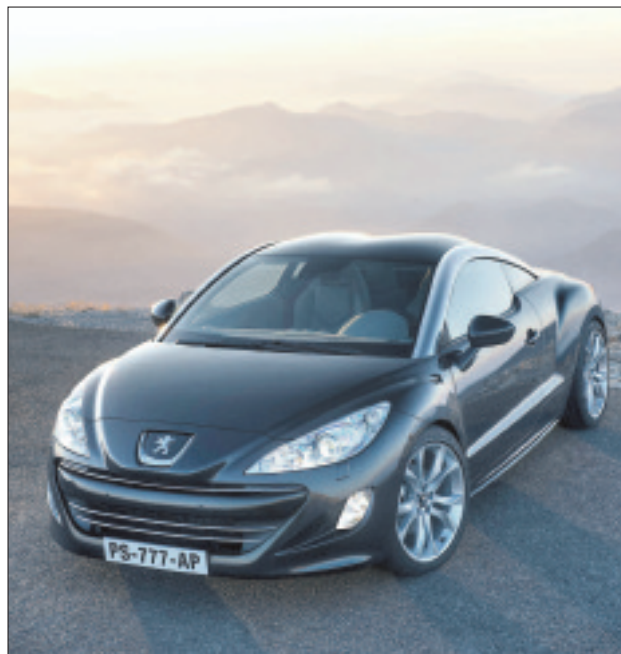
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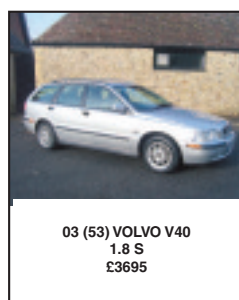
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Three new engines will be launched for the xDrive30d, xDrive40d – replacing the xDrive35d – and the xDrive50i – replacing the xDrive48i. All of the new powerplants

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The entry level xDrive30d has been upgraded to provide increased performance, making this the first conventionally-powered luxury SAV to record a sub 200g/km CO2 reading. The engine consumes just 38.2mpg on the combined cycle and emits only 195g/km of CO2 – a 10 per cent improvement – yet produces 245hp, up 10hp on the previous xDrive30d. Acceleration to 62mph now takes only

7.6 seconds – a six per cent improvement over the previous model.

The replacement of the twin-turbocharged xDrive35d with the new xDrive40d sees an improvement in emissions of 10 per cent, emitting only 198g/km CO2 whilst delivering 37.7mpg on the combined cycle. In true EfficientDynamics style the performance of the car has also increased. The zero to 62mph time is now just 6.6 seconds, down from 7.0 seconds,

courtesy of a 306hp output, 20hp more than the outgoing engine.

Powered by the world's first twin-turbocharged V8 engine with the catalytic converter located in the vee, the xDrive50i has an extra 53hp compared to the model it replaces, taking the total to 408hp. This leads to a lower zero to 62mph time of 5.5 seconds, an improvement of 1.0 second over the outgoing powertrain.

The BMW X5 will be mated to a standard

eight-speed automatic transmission. This transmission helps to lower the X5's CO2 output and allows smoother shifting and greater driving dynamics.

The new BMW X5 includes a number of exterior changes, enhancing the athletic appearance of BMW's original 4x4. Revised front bumpers with enlarged vents, to increase the air supply to the engine and brakes, and matt aluminium-look lower scuff plates and vent fins, now feature to underscore its performance credentials.

New xenon headlights, with bright white LED corona rings, modernise the face of the car whilst the more centralised front fog lights complete the new front end. At the rear is a revised red light cluster, enhancing the lines of the car with horizontal LED light bars. Enlarged tail pipes, within a redesigned rear bumper, finish off the look.

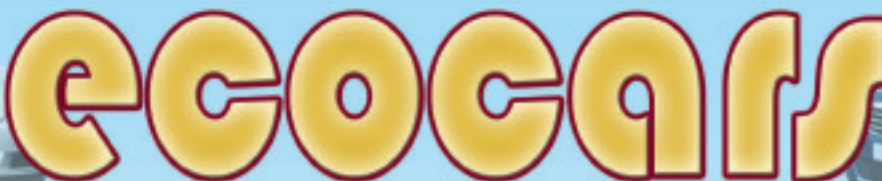
Completing the updates is a raft of additions to the standard equipment list. As well as the new eight-speed automatic transmission, for the first time leather upholstery comes as standard across the entire X5 range. Xenon head-

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PERRY STREET LEAGUE

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

ROBINS OFF THE BOTTOM
Netherbury through to cup semi's

CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS
CREWKERNE Town, last season's runner-up, saw their recent up-turn in form end with a 3-1 defeat by Ilminster Town Reserves at Henhayes.

It looked good for the Tigers when Dan McCreadie gave them a fourth minute lead but strikes from Scott Jennings and Charlie Rutter gave the Blues the initiative at the interval. An second-half own goal summed up an abject Crewkerne performance that new boss Nick Murphy described as "awful".

Goals either side of the break were decisive as Merriott Rovers edged past visiting Misterton. Gavin Charles gave the Rovers the lead in 44th minute, a lead which Chris Welch doubled three minutes after the restart. Paul Gold netted his 11th of the season for Missy but it wasn't enough as the hosts secured a semi-final slot.

The ties at Beaminster and Perry Street were both postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

ARTHUR GAGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

THE Quarter-final tie at Oxleaze went with form as cup holders Pymore were put to the sword by hosts West & Middle Chinnock.

The Chinnocks extended their unbeaten run to 10 games with a 6-1 demolition of their struggling visitors. Mark Cawley led the way with a fine hat-trick, Ian Masters bagged a double to take his tally for the season to 20 and there was a single for Simon Hebditch. Leigh Hansford tucked away a penalty for Pymore to give his team hope at 3-1 but there was no way back as hosts cruised through.

There was a closer match at Horsehoe Lane where visitors Netherbury emerged on top after a topsy-turvy 3-2 win.

A James Sayers strike gave the Ambers a slender half-time lead. Sayers should really have added to the lead as his went on to squander two one-on-one opportunities.

The Thorns fought back and Brian Tillotson lashed home from the edge of the box. There was better to follow for the hosts when Lee Fisher curled home a superb free-kick that impressed both managers following a foul on Stuart Bicknell.

But there was more drama to follow as Ryan Gay headed home a corner to level and Sayers struck his 10th of the season in the 90th minute. A waterlogged Davey Fort forced the cancellation of the Lyme Regis Reserves v Ilminster Colts tie.

JACK VENN CUP QUARTER-FINAL

MILLWEY Rise, five time winners, continued their fine form in the Jack Venn cup with a good 2-1 over Norton Athletic.

With Millwey's First Avenue Ground unplayable both teams agreed to switch the tie to Norton. This didn't deter Rise and two goals in the lead up to the break won the match. First Matt Hall broke the deadlock in the 40th minute then his uncle Ian bagged the second three minutes later.

Norton pulled one back in the 70th minute when Neil Rusling's effort was deflected home by Matt Hall. Millwey manager Shane Featherstone had a mention for 16-year-old Alex Rockett who came off the bench for a useful 30-minute first team debut - just seven days after making his bow for the Reserves.

BILL BAILEY CUP QUARTER-FINALS
CREWKERNE Rangers look to cup favourites after a 2-1 win over Shepton Beauchamp Reserves at Wadham School.

An own goal gave Rangers an early lead before Rich Phippen levelled. But Rangers edged home when Tom Fussell slotted a 75th minute winner. Rangers opponents in the semi-final will be last year's runners-up Chard Rangers Reserves who surprised Lyme Regis Bantams with a fine 4-2 win at Jocelyn Park. Mike Baggy put the Rangers ahead in the 13th minute after the bogging under foot conditions deceived Lyme keeper Jim Larcombe.

Baggy missed a one-on-one chance ten minutes later and the hosts were punished on the half-hour when Ben Strong lashed home a fierce angled drive that gave Lee Hutchings in the Rangers goal no chance, and him his sixth goal in five games.

John Mason restored the lead with a composed finish at the far post on 57 minutes but back came the Bantams and Rhys Paterson levelled for the second time two minutes later. The tie appeared to heading for 30 extra minutes on the energy sapping surface when Mason clipped home his second from 25 yards.

The tie was settled on the full-time whistle when Dan Wilcox's cross somewhat fortunately drifted high into the net. Midfielder Simon Mason took the Rangers plaudits with Larcombe making four top drawer saves for the visitors and Strong working his socks-off up front.

Semi-final draw: Crewkerne Rangers v Chard Rangers Reserves and Fivehead United v Crewkerne Town Reserves.

PREMIER DIVISION

COMBE Reserves jumped two places to fifth with a 2-1 win over White Horse. The teams went into the game with just a solitary win between them in their last 15 outings.

Chris Goode raised hopes for Horse, who saw their second team fold in the week, with the opener but Tom Shire smashed home a 30-yard cracker into the top corner as the teams ended the first 45 all-square. The destination of the three points was decided by Dan Harvey who converted Ryan Parri's pinpoint cross.

First-half goals from Adam Gribble and Craig Steer saw fourth-placed Barrington move up. Guy Dare also had a spot-kick well saved before the interval. Danny Rendall scored his fourth of the season for Chardmouth's reply.

| Premier | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Beaminster..... | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 8 | 24 |
| South Petherton..... | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 6 | 21 |
| Lyme Regis..... | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 10 | 21 |
| Barrington..... | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 22 | 20 |
| Combe Reserves..... | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 24 | 16 |
| Ilminster Reserves..... | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 18 | 14 |
| Perry Street..... | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 38 | 14 |
| Misterton..... | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 20 | 12 |
| Merriott Rovers..... | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 12 |
| Crewkerne Town..... | 13 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 29 | 38 | 12 |
| White Horse..... | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 3 |
| Chardmouth..... | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 65 | 0 |

DIVISION ONE

MERRIOTT Rovers Reserves remain in top spot despite going down 3-2 at Forton Rangers who climb a place to third. Rovers led twice - firstly through Chris Derryman and then Matt Bisgrove but the hosts continued their good form in 2010 with strikes from Steve Baker (2) and Alex Thompson.

| Division One | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Merriott Reserves..... | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 19 |
| W&M Chinnock..... | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 31 | 14 | 17 |
| Forton Rangers..... | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 17 |
| Farway United..... | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 15 |
| Ilminster Colts..... | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 12 | 15 |
| Winsham United..... | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 20 | 11 |
| Chard Rangers..... | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 31 | 11 |
| Netherbury..... | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 9 |
| Thorncombe..... | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 22 | 7 |
| Perry Street Reserves..... | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 30 | 5 |
| Lyme Regis Reserves..... | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 22 | 4 |
| Pymore..... | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 18 | 2 |

DIVISION TWO

A GOALKEEPING crisis at Beaminster saw 42-year-old Nick Jones brush 12 years' worth of dust off his gloves as the Rainbows second-string shared the points with hosts South Petherton Reserves after a 2-2 draw at Lightgate Lane.

Mark Padfield gave Pethy the lead but Matt Tolman ensured the teams headed into the oranges all-square. Adrian Farrell restored the lead only for Tom Cowie to head home a second leveller.

Beaminster Assistant manager Pete Stone had a mention for Jones and centre-back Adam Butcher. Shepton Beauchamp Reserves climbed two places to third after a 3-1 win over visiting Forton Reserves.

| Division Two | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Millwey Rise..... | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 14 | 31 |
| Norton Athletic..... | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 35 | 17 | 21 |
| Shepton Beauchamp..... | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 8 | 16 |
| Dowlish & Donyatt..... | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 34 | 33 | 16 |
| Hinton St George..... | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 28 | 22 | 14 |
| Beaminster Reserves..... | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 21 | 13 |
| South Petherton Res..... | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 9 | 9 |
| Forton Rangers Reserves..... | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 19 | 9 |
| Drimpton..... | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 36 | 7 |
| Chard United..... | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 33 | 7 |
| Uplympe..... | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 25 | 4 |

DIVISION THREE

IT was a good day for Fivehead United. A first-half Simon Harding goal against his old team gave United a superb 1-0 win in a game of few chances at table-topping Hawkchurch.

Meanwhile Fivehead's promotion rivals Misterton Reserves lost their six-game unbeaten record in the derby-day defeat by visiting Crewkerne Town Reserves.

Aaron Hodges (2), Grant Symes were on target for the Tigers with Dean Hyet's seventh of the season counting for little. Combe A found the net for the first time in four games.

The Saints actually struck three times through player-manager Gary Biss (2) and Marcus Summerhayes but still ended up empty-handed as they went down 4-3 at Forton against Lusso-Chard.

| Division Three | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Hawkchurch..... | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 44 | 25 | 27 |
| Misterton Reserves..... | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 24 | 22 |
| Fivehead United..... | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 17 | 17 |
| Crewkerne Rangers..... | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 33 | 15 | 15 |
| Millwey Rise Res..... | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 27 | 26 | 15 |
| Lusso-Chard..... | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 31 | 25 | 12 |
| Combe A..... | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 19 | 10 |
| Lyme Regis Bantams..... | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 26 | 21 | 9 |
| Crewkerne Reserves..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 15 | 9 |
| Shepton Beau Res..... | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 23 | 38 | 9 |
| Chard Rangers Res..... | 11 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 55 | 3 |

DIVISION FOUR

RESULT of the day was bottom of the league Chardmouth Reserves' fine 3-1 win over Barrington Reserves at Barrs Lane.

Before the game both teams held a

minute's silence in memory of new Chardmouth player-manager Toby Gordon's father who passed away in the week. When play got under way Dan Boot (2) and John Smith scored the goals to end an 11 game run without a win for the Robins. Paul Lewis scored the visitors consolation.

The top of the table clash at Bakers Field saw Farway United Reserves and Winsham United trade nine goals. Winsham led twice before eventually going down 6-3 to the Devonians. Vinny Allen (2) and Shaun Reed were on target for the hosts with Chris Legg (2), Greg McCollum (2), Paul Merchant and Paul Salmon replying.

Mark Pearce and Ross Jewell scored the goals as Hinton Reserves beat Thorncombe Reserves 2-1. Tony Bartlett scored and was then sent-off for the Thorns.

A Dan O'Connor goal at Slades Cross couldn't save Combe from a 4-1 defeat against Chard United Reserves. Chard's goals were shared between Ricky Anderson, Stefan Coombes, Rob Milsom and Kristian Rockett.

Finally Ilminster A had goals from Luke Woodard (2), Carl Lazenby, Wayne Crocker and Josh House to thanks for a 5-4 win over battling Hawkchurch Reserves who fought back well with strikes from Stuart Weir(2), Joe Carter and Jake Bearpark after trailing 5-0 on the hour mark.

Hawks' manager Greg Harding felt his side were short-changed by six minutes in the second-half and but for this may have gone on to grab a point.

| Division Four | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Winsham Utd Reserves..... | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 36 | 27 |
| Farway United Reserves..... | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 40 | 15 | 24 |
| Waytown Hounds..... | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 44 | 23 | 21 |
| Chard United Reserves..... | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 34 | 24 | 20 |
| Ilminster Town A..... | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 21 | 20 |
| Hinton Reserves..... | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 36 | 18 |
| Barrington Reserves..... | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 33 | 29 | 13 |
| Combe B..... | 14 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 47 | 13 | 13 |
| Thorncombe Reserves..... | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 21 | 34 | 8 |
| Chardmouth Reserves..... | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 56 | 6 |
| Hawkchurch Reserves..... | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 40 | 5 |

RESULTS

Saturday, February 6th
Challenge Cup Round 2

Crewkerne 1 Ilminster Town Reserves 3
Merriott Rovers 2 Misterton 1

Arthur Gage Cup Round 2
Thorncombe 2 Netherbury 3
West & Middle Chinnock 6 Pymore 1

Jack Venn Cup Round 2
Millwey Rise 2 Norton Athletic 1

Bill Bailey Cup Round 2
Chard Rangers Reserves 4 Lyme Bantams 2
Crewkerne Rangers 2 Shepton Beau Res 1

Premier Division
Barrington 2 Chardmouth 1
Combe St Nicholas Reserves 2 White Horse 1

Division One
Forton Rangers 3 Merriott Rovers Reserves 2

Division Two
Shepton Beauchamp 3 Forton Rangers Res 1
South Petherton Res 2 Beaminster Reserves 2

Division Three
Hawkchurch 0 Fivehead United 1
Lusso-Chard 4 Combe A 3
Misterton Reserves 1 Crewkerne Reserves 4

Division Four
Chardmouth Reserves 3 Barrington Reserves 1
Combe B 1 Chard United Reserves 4
Hinton Reserves 2 Thorncombe Reserves 1
Ilminster Town A 5 Hawkchurch Reserves 4
Winsham United Res 3 Farway United Res 6

FIXTURES

Saturday, February 13th
Somerset Junior Cup Quarter final 2pm
South Petherton v Milborne Port

Tommy Tabberer Cup Round 2 2pm
Barrington Reserves v Norton Athletic
Millwey Rise v Forton Rangers Reserves

Kenny Hodges Cup Round 2 2pm
Farway United Reserves v Barrington Res
Hinton Reserves v Winsham United Res
Ilminster Town A v Waytown Hounds
Thorncombe Reserves v Chard United Res

All fixtures below kick off at 2.30pm

Premier Division
Barrington v Combe St Nicholas Reserves
Chardmouth v Crewkerne
Misterton v Lyme Regis
Perry Street v Merriott Rovers
White Horse v Ilminster Town Reserves

Division One
Chard Rangers v West & Middle Chinnock
Forton Rangers v Ilminster Town Colts
Lyme Regis Reserves v Pymore
Merriott Rovers Reserves v Perry Street Res
Netherbury v Farway United Reserves

Division Two
Chard United v Dowlish & Donyatt
Uplympe v South Petherton Reserves

Division Three
Combe A v Millwey Rise Reserves
Crewkerne Rangers v Misterton Reserves
Crewkerne Res v Chard Rangers Reserves
Fivehead United v Lyme Bantams
Shepton Beauchamp Reserves v Hawkchurch

Division Four
Hawkchurch Reserves v Combe B

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING: Colfox girls keep their nerve

Dorset Schools
County championships

HAVING the pressure of being favourites for the junior girls race after reaching the national finals in December did not daunt the Sir John Colfox School Year 9 girls in the Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships held at King's Park, Bournemouth last week.

Four of their team of ten finished in the top twenty to take the county title with an overall team score of 38, the lowest aggregate of the day. Beth Letherby led them home in third place with Anna Roberts Wray just behind in fourth. Honor Slade, Wendy Robertshaw, Maddy Gape, Alex Middleton, Grace Crabtree, Gemma Teal, Lottie Willmore and Sophie Cole made up the rest of a very strong Colfox team in this age group.

A total of fifty-five schools took part in the annual county cross country championships which saw a very inexperienced minor boys team, missing form runner of the year Jake

Ford through illness, finish a respectable twelfth overall in the first race. J P Avery was first home in 37th place in a team comprising Chris Chamberlain, Lewis Middleton, Joel Eckett, Rhys Hayter and Will Bowen Ashwin.

After an impressive season in area competitions a top ten place was the target for the junior girls which the team of Ophelia Bowring, Phoebe Stewart, Imogen Slade and Lucy Fry achieved with Imogen first home in 23rd place.

In the junior boys category only Mat Fry, Rhys Kirkpatrick, Will Challis and Pedro Warner represented the school after two of the team dropped out during the week. Mat was the lead runner home in 13th just ahead of Rhys in 16th.

Will Gape finished 28th to lead the inter boys team of Dom Gape, Andrew Batchelor, Ollie Bowen Ashwin, Kieran Poole and Dan Dew to a very creditable seventh overall.

The inter girls race saw Annie Macdonald, Lucy Ackerman, Zoe Roberts, Danni Donovan and Leah Crabtree representing the school, with Annie her first runner home in 26th place and the team finishing 5th overall.

Jack Scovell, Jon Altham and Rob Condliffe competed in the final race of the day, the senior boys. Rob was the first

home for Colfox in 14th place.

The school with eight runners finishing in the top twenty will now have to wait to see if they have done enough to qualify for the South West Championships in Truro.

SAM TAKES BOYS TITLE
West Dorset Primary Schools
Cross Country Championships

THE second annual West Dorset Primary Schools Cross Country Championships was held last week at The Sir John Colfox School in perfect running conditions.

The girls race had an exciting finish with only metres separating the first three finishers. Sisters Tamsin and Daniella Edge took first and second place but a strong run from Eva Bowring from Loders to finish in the first three helped her team to victory overall, just four points ahead of Thorncombe School.

In the boys race Salway Ash dominated the race with two

of their runners, Sam Shearing and Jake Rowlands placed first and third. With the two other members of the team also finishing in high positions it was enough to give them the title over Thorncombe with Loders third.



◆ WINNERS: The Salwayash boys team

BRIDPORT BASKETBALL

DEPLETED BRIDPORT STUN NORTH DEVON

NORTH DEVON, 65 BRIDPORT EVOLUTION, 78

Thursday, February 4th
Exeter and District Men's League Division One
BRIDPORT caused a shock upset as they claimed their third win of the season away to North Devon.

Bridport travelled with a depleted team of just six, including injured center Tony Glover who was drafted in to play at the last minute.

Olly Everitt opened the scoring grabbing the first four points on his way to 12 in the game.

After a low scoring performance in the previous outing, experienced point guard Craig Sorrell took control. He scored 10 points in the first quarter and finished the game with almost half of the team's total score. Sorrell hit six three pointers on route to 37 points in the game, earning him the MVP award.

Despite his injury Tony Glover put in his performance of the season to add 11 points and Tom Glover added 16.

Jeff Robertshaw finished off the scoring to round-off the victory. Players and scorers: Sorrell 20, Tom Glover 10, Everitt 12, Tony Glover 11, Robertshaw 2, Tsu Yuly

Exeter and District Men's League Division One
BRIDPORT were unable to continue their winning ways when they were visited by Broadclyst at the weekend.

Despite Craig Sorrell's best efforts at the scoring end, picking up Bridport's first nine points, Broadclyst took an early lead.

Broadclyst were able to shutdown Bridport's scoring in the second quarter holding them to just nine points as they took a commanding position.

Broadclyst didn't let up in the second half despite having already doubled the home sides score. The visitors switched to a full court man to man defence to force mistakes from the tiring home side.

Young point guard Olly Everitt took control for Bridport and helped create the majority of Bridport's scoring, earning him the MVP award.

Jeff Robertshaw and Tony Glover both hit three pointers in the final quarter but there was only to be one winner by then.

Players and scorers: Sorrell 20, Tom Glover 10, Gray 8, Tony Glover 7, Robertshaw 5, Everitt 4, Goddard

Exeter and District Men's League Division One
BRIDPORT continued to show signs of their potential as they put in an impressive display against league leaders Exeter University.

After not scoring for the first five minutes, Bridport soon found their recent winning form and pushed Exeter the whole way.

Tom Glover led the scoring with 29, his highest scoring game of the season, linking well with Baptiste who added 13 of his own.

All three junior players got onto the score sheet and Olly Everitt again showed why he has earned himself a place in the starting line up.

In the end it was a comfortable win for Exeter but Bridport showed they can still challenge against the strongest of opponents with a score which would have one many of their games this season.

Players and scorers: Tom Glover 29, Sorrell 16, Baptiste 13, Everitt 5, Gray 4, Robertshaw 2, Goddard 2

| | P | W | L | +/- | Pts |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Exeter University |15 | 12 | 3 | 170 | 25 |
| Torbay Tigers |14 | 8 | 6 | 98 | 22 |
| Broadclyst Bandits |13 | 9 | 4 | 96 | 21 |
| Exeter Nomads |13 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 19 |
| Bridport Evolution |16 | 313 | -363 | 19 | |
| Taunton Revolution |12 | 5 | 7 | -47 | 17 |
| North Devon |13 | 4 | 9 | -37 | 17 |

BRIDPORT EVOLUTION, 54 BROADCLYST BANDITS 101

Sunday, February 7th

EXETER UNIVERSITY, 106 BRIDPORT EVOLUTION 71

Monday, February 8th

BOB BUCKLER RACING

Niche heads for Aintree

IRISH Grand National winner **Niche Market** is hoping to do the double by winning this year's John Smith Grand National at Aintree in April.

Having won last year on his native soil at Fairyhouse, the nine-year-old is already among the favourites when the first list of entries was declared last week.

A total of 112 horses were declared and although the number of entries is lower than in previous years, there are actually more horses rated 140 or above among the entries in this year's race than in the previous 11 years, so the quality has really been stepped up which is no surprise given that the prize fund is £925,000.

Niche Market is currently quoted around 20/1 and in the top four best backed horses which include three previous national winners.

Although his last outing at Newbury at the end of December was disappointing when he trailed home last of five in the Mandarin Graduation Chase, trainer Bob Buckler is not fazed by the result.

"Horses are not machines, and he was carrying more weight (11st 7lb) than he will in the national. Although they haven't been declared at the moment I anticipate it to be just under 11stone. It was very heavy ground, and he likes better, and at 3 miles they went too quick for him.

"That all said he won at Fairyhouse over 3 miles 5 furlongs and 4 ½ miles at Aintree will be ideal for him."

His next race may be on Sunday in the Totesport.com Graduation Chase at Exeter over 3 miles where two other national favourites Tricky Trickster and Big Fella Thanks both from Paul Nicholls stable are also declared.

A trip to the Cheltenham Festival next month for a go at the William Hill Trophy Handicap could also be on the cards before Aintree.

Colin Tizzard, Joe Lively is also entered for the national with current odds of 100/1.

On the track last week Buckler is convinced **Over The Flow** would have won her maiden victory in the E.b.f Mares' national Hunt Novices' Hurdle (qualifier) at Wincanton had it not been for A P McCoy's brilliant horsemanship.

The 8-year-old under Nathan Sweeney was always at the front and took up the running three out but was just headed at the last hurdle by the 4/1 on favourite Topsham Belle making a run from the back.

When McCoy's horse stumbled on landing Sweeney drove Over the Flow back to the front, but somehow McCoy picked up his mount to pip them on the line by ½ length.

"Only McCoy could have done that," said an amazed and disappointed Buckler. "She ran brilliantly and only made one small mistake at the hurdle at the bottom of the hill."

The handicapper has penalised the mare 10lb for her run, and will now run at either Taunton tomorrow or Kempton on Friday under her old weight before the penalty is invoked.

Sean Thornton looked threatening at Taunton when well up with the leaders until turning for home but from then on went backwards to finish down the field.

Nathan probably made too much use of him early on and the ground was too heavy for him. He came unstuck on the turn for home where there was a particularly wet patch of ground and he floundered a bit, but he will be a grand chaser in the future."

Heavy ground also hampered the reliable **River Indus** at Exeter the following day. Not as fluent in his jumping as normal, he lost his action in the areas where the ground was particularly soft, and although was travelling at the end stayed on he finished a distance third.

A pulled muscle is probably the reason for **Crank Hill's** disappointing run at Towcester on Thursday. Tracking the leaders until the seventh he was tailed off by the eleventh.

"We think he has pulled a muscle and will be examined this week."

So much does he hate him that Buckler's latest addition **Ballyeagen** is being aimed at the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. However he has to win a race first to qualify and Buckler is currently looking for a suitable race.

"He's a very smart horse with a good reputation in Ireland and so I am hopeful."



◆ **LIVERPOOL-BOUND:**
Trainer Bob Buckler

BEAMINSTER AGONY CONTINUES

BEAMINSTER 1 GILLINGHAM 3

BEAMINSTER Ladies Hockey team's woes continue with a double defeat over the weekend. Sitting in third spot having lost just twice in ten games before the Christmas break, the Colfox-based ladies have suffered four defeats in their five matches this year that has seen them concede 21 goals and go from a healthy plus sixteen to a minus four goal difference.

The team has struggled to field a side of late. This has meant a loss of fluidity and with so many young players a loss of confidence.

On Saturday they struggled again to field eleven players against Gillingham, a side they would have beaten easily before their current run, and despite their situation they started well, keeping possession and utilising their strong defence which included skipper Jenny Clarke in the unfamiliar role of goalkeeper. Clarke is still recovering from a bad thumb injury sustained four weeks ago against Weymouth.

However against the run of play, Gillingham opened the scoring on 15 minutes when they muscled their way into the D to force the ball home. This gave the visitors confidence and they scored again ten minutes later following a neat move.

A new formation with regular right-back Sophia Brown switched to play a more attacking role just in front the back four started to show promise, and Beaminster started the second half in determined mood.

A superb run from her own 25-yard line by player of the match Jackie Gape ended with her slotting the ball home to cut the deficit and it looked like Beaminster could get something out of the game.

However the award of a controversial short corner to Gillingham and a lucky deflection proved decisive with just a few minutes left leaving Beaminster deflated.

On Sunday they played their postponed match due to the bad weather last month against Yeovil 2nds. However they were unable to change their fortunes and went down 3-0.

The defeat sees them slip to fourth and though not in any danger of relegation, desperately need a confidence boosting victory.

WEST DORSET 4 OTTERY CRICKETS A 2

A BRACE from Russell Coombes kept West Dorset on track for a top three finish.

Still on a high from last week's ten goal thriller where West Dorset recovered to win from a 4-1 deficit, the team were buzzing with enthusiasm ahead of Saturday's encounter having won the reverse fixture 4-0. However they were still respectful as Ottery fielded a very youthful and fit team who were always tricky to play against.

West started with ten men due to the late arrival of Richard Puzey who was delayed on his way back from collecting an award in London.

Despite this Ottery were caught napping in the first few minutes and Alex Davies made a superb solo run from the half way line to deftly lift the ball over the sprawling keeper to open the score. West then proceeded to keep the ball until the arrival of Puzey after ten minutes and his first touch was to set Connolly up to make another solo run into the D which he finished with a fierce shot. They then added another before the break when Jolly Bugg won a short corner. The visitors failed to hold position from Connolly's injection and Coombes added to last week's hat trick by poaching a third at the near post.

West took their foot off the pedal after the interval and were punished immediately when Ottery's skillful centre forward hit an early shot which caught the usually stoic Charlie Davies off guard to open their account.

Midway through the half however Rob Cox drilled in a ball to Coombes who cleverly deflected it onto the defenders foot to win another penalty corner. However Simon Wakely thundered his shot into the keeper who could only look on in dismay as Coombes delivered the coup de grace and gobbled up the spoils again.

Ottery with nothing to lose went all out in the final minutes and stopper Mark Smith made a number of fine saves but Ottery finally squeezed in a consolation on the final whistle.

The win lifts West Dorset back into second place although they have played more games than their nearest challengers.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

◆ **SCHOOL FOOTBALL:** Dorchester Middle School's Year 6 are the South West Dorset five-a-side title after beating Weymouth's St Andrew's School 3-0 in the final.

◆ **BRIDPORT SKITTLES:** Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday February 15th:

Cup Winners Cup – 2nd Round

Monday February 15th: Brandy Snaps (15) v Smithys Boys, Shipaced v Pinbashers (30), Wanderers v Originals (20), Bad Girls (15) v Mean Machine.

Tuesday February 16th: Cuckoo's (20) v U Know The Blokes, Alleycats (25) v Rockets.

Wednesday February 17th: Bulldozers v Ginger-Gales (10), YoYo's (25) v Chimps.

Lock Hansford Cup – 3rd Round

Wednesday February 17th: Originals v Crazy Gang, Pioneers v The Dingles, Miss The Ball v Wanderers.

Thursday February 18th: Rough Eight v Rejects, Cupid Stunts v Not Survivors, U Know The Blokes v Shipaced, Nelson Nobblers v Broadcloak.

Friday February 19th: Featherbeds v L.H.S.

Mixed Fours – 2nd Round

Friday February 19th

Bridport Football Club – Us Four; Marty's Lot; Simply The Best; Arkwrights Lot.

King Charles – Brookside; Yondover Four; Odd Bods; Causeway 4x4.

◆ **CRICKET:** Martinstown Cricket Club prepares for life in the Dorset Funderal Plan League Division Three by beginning winter practice this weekend. Practices are held on Sunday afternoons at St Osmund's Community Sports Centre in Dorchester.

Details as follows: Feb 14th: 13:00-14:30 softball and under 11s, Feb 14th: 14:30-16:00 under 13s, Feb 21st: 13:00-14:30 under 13s, Feb 21st:

14:30-16:00 under 18s and Adults, Feb 28th: 13:00-14:30 Softball/Under 11s, Feb 28th: 14:30-16:00 under 15s, Mar 7th: 13:00-14:30 under 15s (possibly u13s), Mar 7th: 14:30-16:00 adult/under 18s, Mar 14th: 13:00-14:30 under 15s, Mar 14th: 14:30-16:00 adult/under 18s.

There will be coaches for all youth practice at a cost of £5 per session.s. Some kit will be available but players are asked to bring their own if they have it. Current players as well as new players are welcome to attend.

For more information please email therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk

After successive promotions, the first team host Parley 2nd's in the opening game of the season on May 1st whilst the newly formed 2nd team have two blank Saturdays to start.

Local golf news and round-up

LYME REGIS with Steve Percival

ON Sunday, in benign weather conditions with little wind and relatively mild temperatures, 65 golfers competed for the honours in the Lyme Regis Golf club men's February medal competition.

After a frustrating week with predominantly temporary greens, a trolley and buggy ban and often only nine holes open, it was satisfying to be able to stage the event with such a good field. Although early fog threatened to engulf the course this cleared rapidly and enabled all participants to enjoy a full round of golf. However, the wet conditions underfoot, with a resulting lack of "run" on the ball, meant that the course played long and putting was often equally difficult. In Division One Peter Spiers and John Coley who are both noted for being "long" off the tee scored an excellent net 69. Although Coley just lost out on count back he did have the satisfaction of recording two birdie twos, one on the third hole and the other on the eighth. In third place playing off a handicap of 10 was Alan Beer who recorded a highly creditable net 71 to equal the course standard scratch for the day.

In Division Two the honours went to Rob Coombe playing off 16 who also equalled the Course standard scratch for the day. Les Bounds, playing off 17, was one shot behind with a net 72. A further shot behind with a net 73 was Mike Dixon playing off 18. In all 13 'twos' were recorded with Billy White scoring a further brace of two's in addition to those

scored by John Coley.

CHEDINGTON'S YEAR OF SUPPORT FOR AIR AMBULANCE. A YEAR of fund-raising by golf club members has ended with the presentation of a £6,300 cheque to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA).

The money was raised by members of Chedington Golf Club, which spans the Dorset-Somerset border to the east of Crewkerne.

All sections of the club agreed to support the Air Ambulance as a joint venture during 2009, and a variety of money-raising events were organised throughout the year.

The club captains each held a Captain's Day and a drive in, while the ladies' and the seniors opens held numerous raffles, quizzes, and fun golf competitions.

A sponsored 72-hole marathon was organised by lady member Donna Adey and a Burns Night Dinner was organised by senior member Gordon Hughes.

Club Captain Mike Bennett said he and Ladies Captain Chris Ritchie and Seniors Captain Rob Hampson were pleased with the support given from all sections of the club for what they saw as a very worthwhile Charity.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fund-raising co-ordinator Annette Plaistow-Trapaud said: "I was delighted to receive this cheque from Chedington Golf Club, which reflects an incredible amount of hard work put in by members to organise so many different fund-raising

activities.

"We have to find the entire cost of keeping the Air Ambulance flying ourselves because we do not receive any Government or Lottery funding, so we simply could not operate without the support of people like Chedington Golf Club.

"It costs £3,800 a day to keep the helicopter in the air and we are so grateful that so many people are prepared to support our life-saving work in this way and by making donations and taking part in our £1 weekly lottery."

For more information about the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance can be found by visiting www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk or by emailing info@dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk or calling 01823 669604.



◆ **Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fund-raising co-ordinator Annette Plaistow-Trapaud (second from left) receiving the Chedington Golf Club cheque from (left to right) Rob Hampson, Donna Adey, Chris Ritchie, and Mike Bennett.**

MAGPIES UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUES

DORCHESTER 0 BROMLEY 0

Blue Square South, Saturday February 6th

Attendance: 461

DESPITE having to share the points with high riding Bromley, Dorchester Town continued their unbeaten run which now stretches to five games.

Although it was not as fluent a display as against Thurrock, they will feel unlucky not to have taken all three in a match that gave the faithful Magpies fans hope that the team has finally turned the corner under the caretaker managership of Ashley Vickers.

Despite being forced to make three changes from the side that beat Thurrock on Tuesday night, and then having to substitute another two through injury during the match, Dorchester gave a tenacious and gritty display that encompassed all that Vickers has instilled in his side since he took the reins in November.

Both Mark Jermyn and Ryan Moss were unavailable through illness meaning starts for the fit again Jamie Gleeson and a debut for striker Sam Charles, whilst there was a last minute change when Simon Evans failed a fitness test on a bruised knee, meaning a quicker that expected return for Regan Coward who although not fully fit was only intending to sit on the bench.

Bromley's attack boasted the league's third highest goal scorer Warren McBean with 13 goals so far this season, but he was rarely seen such was the dominance of the Dorchester defence that saw Coward only have to make one save of significance throughout the match.

Dorchester started where they left off on Tuesday by attacking from the kickoff Harrison Dunk had to clear Jules Emati-Emati's shot off the line after keeper Gareth Williams dropped skipper Kevin Hill's header from Nathan Walker's nod back following a James Coutts corner.

Bromley responded but Ashley Carew's shot was easily saved by Coward.

The sides settled down after this with no real threats on goal, and the match was only enlightened by Hill's own tribute to the Six Nation's which earned him a yellow card.

Bromley had a great chance to go ahead just before the half hour when Coward missed Steven Ferguson's cross but Jerrome Sobers fired wide from 10 yards, and McBean tried his luck from 30 yards but badly scuffed his shot which went wide of Coward's left hand post.

It needed a good save by the back-peddalling Williams to stop Walker putting Dorchester ahead on 36 minutes; just managing to reach the tall defenders header from James Coutt's free kick to tip it over the bar.

Nicky Greene then had to clear off the line after Williams had been beaten by a Charles looped header

Hill had to withdraw at the break following a quick fitness check on the pitch and was replaced by Neil Martin who assumed the left back role with Bowles moving into partner Walker in the centre of defence. Bromley set up Salifou Ibrahima but he couldn't dig the ball from under his feet.

Charles was denied by Sobers tackle before Nick Crittenden made a chance for himself by beating his marker but then shot weakly at Williams.

Ryan Hill replaced the injured Coutts just after the hour and almost immediately set up Martin with a long cross from the right but he wasted a good chance by heading well over the bar.

Dorchester almost got the goal their endeavour deserved when Crittenden who was becoming more dangerous as the game opened up, found space on the right but his measured shot across Williams from 16 yards struck the base of the post and rebounded to safety.

Dorchester were now really turning the screw on the Bromley defence as they forced a series of corners, and the Magpies were unlucky with five minutes to go when Walker's header was blocked on the line and sub Matt Groves follow up was scrambled for a corner which Walker headed over.

It looked odds-on Bromley would unfairly snatch the points two minutes from normal time when Ryan Hall put McBean, looking suspiciously offside, clear from a long clearance out of defence. However he wasted the chance with a weak shot as Coward advanced and the ball rolled past the far post.

Crittenden had one last chance in time added when Steve Devlin put him free but a defender drove him wide and the chance was lost.

THURROCKLY DESERVED!

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 THURROCK 0

Blue Square South, Tuesday February 2nd

Attendance: 321

A STEVE Devlin strike 12 minutes from time was enough for Dorchester to record their first back-to-back league wins of the season and secure three points against high riding Thurrock.

The Magpies came into the game boosted by a good 2-0 victory at Weston-super-Mare following two home draws, whilst the visitors would leap into second spot with a win.

Dorchester should have been home and dry by halftime as they pounded the visitor's goal, but unlike their last home game against Lewes where they missed a host of chances, this time it was the heroics of Fleet's keeper Joe Woolley that stopped them.

Dorchester showed their intent on 12 minutes when Devlin, in his most impressive game to date in a Magpie's shirt, put Jules Emati-Emati in with a chance but Thurrock's Rob Swaine just pinched it off his toes as he was about to shoot.

Emati-Emati did better four minutes later when he neatly glanced Nick Crittenden's cross beyond Woolley but he was ruled offside.

Ryan Moss then went close with a 20 yard shot hit with the outside of his right boot that went just wide, before

Devlin's header back across goal from Crittenden's cross went just behind the inrushing Moss and James Coutts.

Woolley then made his first of several superb saves to thwart the home attack when he blocked Moss's low shot with his legs after the striker had chested down Devlin's cross.

He followed this in the 33rd minute with a double save from Moss and Devlin, but was powerless to stop Emati-Emati with a clear strike on goal, but he drove high over the crossbar from eight yards.

Devlin then had a powerful header blocked by a defender before Woolley produced the save of the night on the stroke of halftime.

Moss drove down the left before providing a measured cross to the unmarked Crittenden at the far post whose shot was brilliantly tuned over the bar from point blank range.

There were signs of déjà-vu with the Lewes match as Thurrock came out after the break with much more purpose.

Fola Orilonishe had his shot blocked by Nathan Walker before David Bryant had a great chance to put the visitors ahead from Matt Bodkin's cross but scuffed his shot wide.

Orilonishe then put the home defence under pressure with a jinking run suggesting Dorchester had lost the impetus, but Devlin hit back when he crossed low into the box but unfortunately just behind Emati-Emati's run.

When Bryant sent a looping header from Bodkin's cross just over Simon Evan's crossbar it looked like Thurrock may steal the points.

But Dorchester dug in and eventually got the goal their first half performance particularly deserved.

Crittenden's cut back from the right by-line ricocheted off sub Matt Groves and Coutts as they closed in but the ball ran on to Devlin. His drive across goal took a slight deflection off Craig Pope on its way high and just inside the far post.

Groves could have made the game safe two minutes from the end when his tenacity saw him break through the visitors defence but unfortunately he dragged his shot wide of the left hand post.

Manager Ashley Vickers said: "We thoroughly deserved to win and it's the players who take all the credit. I pick a side which I think is right but it's the lads who deserve all the plaudits as they're the ones out there.

"It was reward for all their endeavours over the past eight weeks. They've really applied themselves in every training session. They've taken on board my thinking and mentality and applied their own attributes in the game, we've brought players in, but it all married up very well and I thought we were deserved winners.

"I couldn't pick out individuals as I'm immensely proud of all of them. They're a credit to the club and the town.

"If I was a supporter I'd be extremely proud of them and keen to come back and cheer them on again."

WEYMOUTH GUNNED DOWN BY SPITFIRES

EASTLEIGH 4 WEYMOUTH 0

Blue Square South, Tuesday February 2nd

Attendance: 490

TERRAS new manager Jerry Gill's honeymoon lasted four days, as his side were brought to ground by Eastleigh at the Silverlake Stadium last Tuesday.

He had kicked off his tenure with a 3-1 home victory over fellow strugglers Lewes but found their Hampshire rivals a different kettle of fish, helped it must say by some poor defending. Two down in seven minutes it was game over when the hosts added a third before the half hour. Their night of misery was completed when they conceded a fourth in the second half.

Gill started with his new signings Lewis Whitehead and Luke Benbow on the bench and added Andy Harris to central midfield in place of Matt Groves.

However it mattered little as Richard Gillespie put Eastleigh ahead in the third minute taking advantage of a slow turning Weymouth defence. He headed former Terras keeper Jason Matthews' long kick over the onrushing Ryan Harrison before sliding the ball home.

Things got worse four minutes later when Gillespie was allowed time and space to head home Shaun McAuley's right wing cross although the helpless Harrison did manage to get a hand to the ball.

Eastleigh continued to dominate with Steve Cook going close, with Harris's 30-yard free kick, comfortably saved by Matthews, the best Weymouth could muster.

The Spitfire's skipper Tom Jordan added a third on 29 minutes when he headed home McAuley's left-wing corner from close range.

Weymouth briefly got their act together and when Matthews turned Ben Farrell's shot behind, Martin Slocombe was unlucky from the resultant corner to see his header cleared off the line by Anthony Riviere. Then Farrell blazed high and wide when well placed.

Riviere netted for Eastleigh on the stroke of half-time but was ruled offside.

McAuley wasted a superb solo run two minutes after the break by firing over.

Scott Bennett cleared off the line from Gillespie before Jordan compounded Weymouth's misery with a fourth on the hour, rising high to head home Tony Taggart's corner.

Harrison saved Cook's header from point blank range before Stephen Reed came closest for Weymouth on the night; his left foot shot bringing a good save from Matthews getting down well to his right.

Gill needs to pick his side up before they visit Staines Town on Saturday.



■ **THREATENING:** Dorchester's Nathan Walker (5) puts Bromley's keeper Gareth Williams under pressure from a corner.

BYERLEY CLASS HELPS BEES ROMP TO VICTORY

BRIDPORT 4 SHEPTON MALLETT 0

Toolstation Division One, Attendance: 91

IT TOOK a while, but eventually Bridport crushed Shepton Mallett with four goals in the last 22 minutes of their Toolstation Western League Division One clash at St Mary's field on Saturday.

The Bees had been frustrated by a Shepton team that had come looking for a draw and were prepared to use any tactics they could to slow the game down.

A heavy pitch, particularly at the Beehive end, to which Bridport were attacking in the first half, made flowing football difficult and added to the Bees problems.

In a fairly even first half the Bees forced keeper Liam McFarlane into a couple of saves but the nearest they came to scoring was just before the break when Dan Wise's slightly deflected shot came back off the post.

At the other end Andy Suttle had another relatively quiet day behind a back line that easily dealt with a visiting attack that lacked any real support as Shepton packed their defence.

Senior decided to introduce Jamie Symes, back from trials at Championship Blackpool just after the hour and he became the catalyst that sparked the goal rout.

Within ten seconds of replacing Dan Jones he forced McFarlane into a fine save before being involved in an excellent passing movement on 68 minutes that saw man of the match Warren Byerley cross where Matt Moors applied the finishing touch at the near post.

Having broken Shepton's resistance Bridport added another three minutes later when Matt Condliffe crossed for Symes to stroke home from close in.

Five minutes later Condliffe repeated the service this time crossing for Byerley to add a third, before completing a very productive afternoon in added time by combining with Byerley to set up Symes to hammer home the fourth.

Senior was pleased with his side's third successive victory, all of them without conceding, and said: "They clearly came for a draw with their tactics and heavy ground at the end we were attacking meant we didn't play that many good balls, but I told the lads that if we could get the first goal then we could score a few more, and that is what happened.

"Our passing was much better in the second half and defensively we were excellent. Andy looked very assured in goal and more confident than he did last week. Warren was outstanding once again, and his experience at holding the ball up was first class."

"However once again it was a good team performance and we were always comfortable. They linked up well and played some good stuff."

HAMWORTHY REC, 4 BRIDPORT RESERVES, 1

Saturday, February 6th

BRIDPORT Reserves remained upbeat despite suffering defeat away to Hamworthy Rec.

The score line flattered the home side who scored two breakaway goals late on as Bridport chased an equaliser.

An early goal and a dubious penalty gave Hamworthy the lead on the half-hour mark. Ben Clarke pulled one back before the break after linking with midfielder Roger Cummings.

Cummings and Clarke both missed chances to equalise in the second-half and Bridport were punished for not taking their chances. Ashley Clarke was pushed forward to find the elusive goal and Hamworthy took advantage of the weakened defence.

Manager Mike Savage was happy with his teams performance despite the loss and singled out Roger Cummings as the star man on the day.

DUO LOOKING FOR GAME

SIMON Bendall and his nephew Mike have moved to the Weymouth area and are looking to join a local team.

Simon (40) has senior football experience having turned-out for St Ives and Hayle down in Cornwall. Meanwhile, Mike (23) has also tasted senior football having played in the Bristol area for Hallen and Bristol Manor Farm. Simon can be contacted on: 0777 1510644

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING

Connor aims to make it a hat-trick

WITH Steven Rathbone and Oliver Mears already having been chosen to fish again for England this year, West Bay Sea Angling Club could soon have a third international.

Connor Hallett has been invited to join the England squad and it is hoped that he will progress to make the full England team at some point.

Steven and Oliver have once again been selected for the 2010 England Junior Shore Fishing team, with Steven travelling to Portugal later this year to fish in the world championships, whilst Oliver will be fishing the home internationals in Scotland.

The committee would like to congratulate Connor on his success and hope that he will make the full team in due course.

Meanwhile the first fish of the New Year was a bit of a damp squid. Nineteen members and five guests signed on to fish the match at Baiters Park, Poole, where they were hoping to catch some flounder. Not only were there no flounders, no one caught a fish of any description!

Fifteen members turned out four nights later at Seatown. The match started off in good weather but during the match the wind picked up to gale force with torrential rain meaning ragworm on small hooks, cast out about 40 yards was the best tactics.

1st: Chris Harwood 505g pout and 3 rockling, 2nd: Steve Harwood 370g pout and 2 rockling, 3rd :Tony Colls 300g pout and 2 rockling, Pool: Chris Harwood pout 235 g, Most Species: 3 - Gareth Edwards.



◆ **Connor Hallett** who has been called up to the England squad

WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

WITH STUART BROOM

Aaron aiming high in Glovers green

AARON Daniels started playing football for Lyme Regis under 8s team at the age of seven.

He played for Rodney Rowe's successful team up until the under 10s. He then played for Rodney Holmes under 10s and won many trophies with both teams.

Aaron was then asked to trial at Exeter City, Bristol City and Yeovil Town. He opted for Yeovil Town.

Initially Aaron was offered a six

week trial but was given a two year contract after just three weeks. During his time with the Glovers his coaches changed his playing position from winger to striker. This appears to have paid off as the youngster has flourished scored 16 goals in eight games, including hat-tricks at Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United and Exeter City.

Aaron's Dad Neil said: "The Yeovil coaches are very happy with Aaron's progress, his hard work, good all-round

attitude and natural raw talent and advise that his future could be very bright.

"We are very proud of Aaron and of what he has achieved, and that he has his chance to live his dream."

Aaron and his family would like to take this opportunity to thank Lyme Regis youth football club in particular Rodney Rowe, Rodney Holmes and Gordon Kille for their coaching and for providing teams for local youngsters to play grass-roots football.

◆ FUTURE GLOVER?:
Lyme Regis youngster Aaron Daniels who is making good progress with Yeovil Town.

LYME REGIS
DARTS LEAGUE

RESULTS from February 4th:

DIVISION ONE - Nags Head B 3 Lamb A 5, Nags Z 3 George A 5, Rousdon Club 2 Nags Head A 6. DIVISION TWO: George B 0 Rubber Johns 8, Young Guns+1 6 Talbot Arms 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Nags Head A..... | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 17 | 26 |
| Rousdon Club..... | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 80 | 19 | 21 |
| George A..... | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 59 | 45 | 16 |
| Lamb B..... | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 41 | 55 | 12 |
| Lamb A..... | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 43 | 61 | 10 |
| Rockpoint A..... | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 38 | 58 | 8 |
| Nags Z..... | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 40 | 64 | 7 |
| Nags Head B..... | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 20 | 84 | 2 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Rubber Johns..... | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 53 | 19 | 14 |
| Royal Standard..... | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 46 | 26 | 13 |
| Talbot Arms..... | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 48 | 24 | 12 |
| Young Guns +1..... | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 42 | 30 | 10 |
| Royal Oak..... | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 60 | 4 |
| George B..... | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 65 | 3 |

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) 7, Terry Provise (Nags Head A) 6, Matt Brotherton (George A) and Tony Young (Rousdon Club) both 5.

Hawes return puts brake on Gorge A title chase

SHIPTON Gorge A had very mixed fortunes in a week when they played lowly but rapidly improving Budmouth twice in Division One.

After a comfortable win in their home tie, Gorge suffered their first defeat of the season as bottom side Budmouth, with the returning Rob Hawes in top form sneaked the return match by a point.

Shipton Gorge A 27 Budmouth A 11

WHEN Neil Hardisty took the first game 3-1 from Gil Roberts it looked as though the home team were in for a battle, but Richard Trim levelled affairs with a 3-1 win over Elliot May and Chris Glover followed up with a 3-1 victory over Alun Chapple.

It was then one way traffic until the last two games when May edged out Glover 3-2 and Trim and Glover survived a close encounter to beat Hardisty and May 3-2 in the doubles.

Budmouth A 20 Shipton Gorge A 19

THE return of Rob Hawes at number one for the home side in this rearranged match saw a complete change of fortunes.

After 3-2 wins over Richard Trim and Gil Roberts, Hawes achieved his maximum return with a 3-0 demolition of Chris Glover.

Trim pulled his side back into the match with 3-0 wins over Elliot May and Neil Hardisty and Glover beat Hardisty by a similar score but then went down 0-3 to May.

Roberts picked up four more points from his last two singles to take the score to 17-17 before the doubles. Trim and Roberts pulled back from 0-2 down only to lose the fifth and deciding end and Shipton had lost their first match of the season by 20 points to 19.

CUP MATCH

Colliton B 3 Shipton Gorge B 5

IN this pool match of the Handicap Cup competition, Gorge kept their hopes of progressing alive with a comfortable win after picking up five early games to make the result secure.

Two wins each for David Poole and Richard Hill were the bedrock of the victory with Sam Chant picking up the deciding game.

| DIVISION ONE | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Shipton Gorge A..... | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 105 | 271 |
| Springfield A..... | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 252 | 155 | 261 |
| YMCA A..... | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 236 | 186 | 241 |
| Red Triangle A..... | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 229 | 164 | 237 |
| ASA..... | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 199 | 182 | 205 |
| Colliton A..... | 11 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 180 | 231 | 184 |
| Civil Service B..... | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 154 | 293 | 156 |
| St Osmunds Crusaders..... | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 146 | 183 | 150 |
| P&S Falcons..... | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 140 | 152 | 143 |
| Civil Service A..... | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 133 | 241 | 135 |
| Budmouth A..... | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 109 | 147 | 111 |

| DIVISION TWO | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Shipton Gorge B..... | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 273 | 160 | 283 |
| St Osmunds Sharks..... | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 255 | 152 | 265 |
| Pilgrims..... | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 246 | 137 | 254 |
| Springfield B..... | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 238 | 157 | 248 |
| Preston B..... | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 220 | 177 | 226 |
| Civil Service C..... | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 215 | 209 | 221 |
| Springfield C..... | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 195 | 170 | 200 |
| Colliton B..... | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 183 | 171 | 189 |
| Colliton C..... | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 176 | 231 | 178 |
| St Osmunds Hawks..... | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 172 | 184 | 177 |
| Dorset Youth Service..... | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 164 | 233 | 166 |
| Preston A..... | 10 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 145 | 227 | 146 |
| St Osmunds Lions..... | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 140 | 245 | 143 |
| Budmouth B..... | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 68 | 237 | 68 |

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with KEITH JENKIN

BRIDPORT FRUSTRATED IN EXTRA-TIME
Leaky Dorchester defeat invading Barbarians

MOST local clubs were involved in catch-up league fixtures and Saturday last, the exception being Bridport, at both first and second team level.

The Chard third side too were without a fixture. I decided to travel to Chard to take in their game against Avon, a game they really had to win if they were to figure in any promotion shake up.

DORCHESTER 36pts
IVEL BARBARIANS 21pts

ALTHOUGH Dorchester will be pleased with this win that keeps them near the top of the Southern Counties League (South) table, they will feel that they made heavy weather of beating an Ivel club who, although they competed throughout, were the recipients of one or two gifts and who are going through a bit of a hard time currently.

The home side started well. After Ivel had conceded a scrum back on halfway from the kick-off, quick set possession was sent to Read, coming at pace. He, after a run of some 40 yards, was hauled down just short, but made the ball available and Tom Gower, one of the three brothers on view, touched down in the corner.

Then the gifts began! A over expansive miss pass in the Dorchester midfield was intercepted and the try run in between the posts. The conversion kick was accurate and Ivel led 7-5. In fact Ivel would have been pleased with their first half ef-

forts. At the interval and after a lively forty minutes, they still retained their lead and the home side were down to fourteen men, having had a player sent to the bin.

Dorchester did take the lead early in the second half with an unconverted try, scored out wide by Lee Harvey but it was only momentarily for their opponents responded with a converted effort by one of their centres, and Ivel then led 14-10.

The home side were winning the battle of the eights however and getting good ball from scrum and lineout.

They went ahead on the hour mark with a couple of tries in quick succession, one by Jones who added the extras, and the second by Read, also converted.

This took them into a command position at 24-14 and, before the end, two more touchdowns, one by Jones and the other by Tom Gower, both of which Jones converted, ended Ivel's hopes.

Credit to the visitors however, they kept at it and were rewarded with a converted try at the death by way of consolation.

Dorchester will certainly be pleased with this win but will have concerns about their tendency to leak tries.

DORCHESTER 2nd 10pts
ELLINGHAM & RINGWOOD 2nd 12pts

THE home side were just edged out after what was a close and evenly contested game.

FROME 2nd Nil WEYMOUTH 5pts

WEYMOUTH edged the result of this Dorset & Wilts league Division One encounter, played when underfoot conditions were heavy in the extreme, by an unconverted try to nil.

Importantly though, this result takes them into the division's third place and sets them up nicely for their local derby game at home to Bridport on Saturday next.

WIMBORNE 3rd 31pts
WEYMOUTH 2nd Nil

THE home side had a little too much for a depleted Weymouth outfit and won comfortably.

SHERBORNE 20pts
BRIDPORT 10pts (After extra time)

ALTHOUGH taking much from this cup encounter against Southern Counties opposition, played on Tuesday evening, Bridport would have ended feeling that "we was robbed".

They had scored two unconverted tries, through Mike Pibworth and Wes Lewis during normal time and, with the score tied at 10-10, were pounding the home line in the final quarter.

With a couple of minutes left, they appeared to score a perfectly good try only for it to be disallowed because the referee was unsighted.

The game then moved into extra-time and Sherborne scored twice to put their

names into the draw for the next round, leaving Bridport just a little frustrated.

PREVIEW

I DO like local derby games, and that is why, all things being equal, I will be taking the road to WEYMOUTH on Saturday next to watch the home side take on BRIDPORT.

On the face of things, and judging by the form book, there will be only one likely winner. Bridport sit pretty comfortably at the top of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South) league table, while their opponents occupy a place on the fringe of the promotion area. The former have been playing well in recent weeks, while the latter have flattered to deceive on occasion.

This a local derby however and, all too often the form book can count for little. Bridport did come out on top by a score when the sides met earlier in the season but, although I tend to regard Weymouth as under achievers, if they play to their capabilities they can certainly cause problems.

I think Bridport will win this one but feel that the issue may well be in doubt until the final quarter.

DORCHESTER for their part, face a pretty stringent test with the visit of NORTH DORSET. These opponents lie just out of a promotion spot at present and will be straining at the leash to regain it. The home side are level with

them on points, having played a game more and are in fifth place. I take the visitors to win this one.

Dorchester, while winning their last three games, have let in three tries on each occasion and that frailty might well be exposed.

On the second team front, Bridport seconds should really be able to gather in a win against visitors Lytchett Minster seconds, while Dorchester seconds will have a rather steeper hill to climb at Fordingbridge.

Weymouth seconds will certainly be hard put to get a win at top of the table, East Dorset seconds.

FIXTURES 13th February - Bridport v Weymouth (away); Bridport 2nd v Lytchett Minster 2nd (home); Chard v Midsomer Norton (home); Chard 2nd v Wells 2nd (home); Chard 3rd v Morgarians (away); Chard Colts v Minehead Colts (away); Crewkerne v Ivel Barbarians 2nd (away); Dorchester v North Dorset (home); Dorchester 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd (away); Honiton v Wessex (away); Honiton 2nd v Bideford 2nd (home); Honiton Colts v Bideford Colts (away); Sidmouth v St Mary's Old Boys (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Crediton 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Crediton 3rd (away); Sidmouth Colts v Crediton Colts (home); Weymouth v Bridport (home); Weymouth 2nd v East Dorset 2nd (away).

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EARLY GOALS HIT TERRAS NO WEY BACK

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DESPITE manager Jerry Gill ringing the changes following the midweek defeat at Eastleigh, including three new players, his side once again conceded early goals and gave themselves a mountain to climb.

Former Terra Cameron Mawer, keeper Joe Welch on loan from Southend and Dan Smith were all included with Ryan Harrison, Simon Radcliffe and Jake Reid relegated to the bench.

Recalled Pierre Joseph-Dubois had an early chance but although he lifted his shot over keeper Louis Wells it fell the wrong side of the post.

As at Eastleigh, Weymouth conceded an early goal when Leroy Griffiths scored in the 10th

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minute with Staines first real attempt on goal. Marc Charles-Smith outpaced Scott Brice down the right flank before cutting the ball back across goal for Griffiths to fire into the top corner from just inside the box.

They doubled their advantage on 20 minutes when a good flowing move ended with Howard Newton cutting in from the right to beat Welch with a low angled drive.

Ben Farrell almost pulled one back but Wells tipped his drive from the edge of the box over the crossbar, but generally it was Staines that held the upper hand who thought Tamer Tuna had added a third with a spectacular hitch-kick but the ref ruled it out

for pushing.

Gill replaced skipper Scott Brice at the break with Matt Groves in an effort to get back in the game, and it looked to have worked as they pulled a goal back five minutes into the second half. New boy Smith played a low ball into the area following a quick free kick and Joseph-Dubois dived to head home.

Both sides created chances and Weymouth claimed for a penalty just after the hour when the lively Joseph-Dubois appeared to be brought down by Danny Gordon but their claims were waved away.

The Swans sealed the match on 74 minutes when Ali Chabaan with his first touch after coming on as substitute, fired a free kick through the Terras wall from the edge of the area.



■ **NEWTON'S LAW:** Staines Town's Howard Newton (right) wheels away after scoring his side's second goal in Weymouth's 3-1 defeat on Saturday.

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